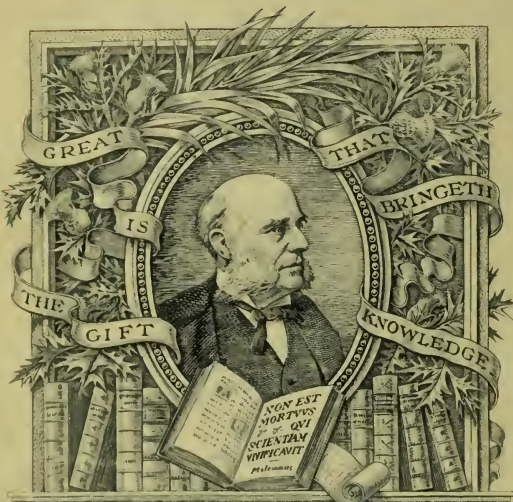


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NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1872.

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* The Treasurer, ex-officio, member of this Committee.

 The President, ex-officio, member of all Committees

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At the Annual Meeting September 25, 1872.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 25, 1872.

At the hour appointed, the HON. WILLIAM C. COZZENS, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the Proprietors being present, as follows :

James Atkinson,
Joseph Bradford,
Edward D. Boit,
Francis Brinley,
John T. Bush,
Stephen Cahoon,
Richard Cornell,
Wm. Cornell,
George Cozzens,
Wm. C. Cozzens,
George Engs,
John S. Engs,
Samuel Engs,
Henry H. Fay,
James Fludder,

Wm. Fludder,
Wm. Gilpin,
Nathan H. Gould,
George W. Green,
Benj. Hazard, (of T. G.)
James L. Hazard,
Thomas W. Higginson,
Hamilton Hoppin,
Thomas R. Hunter,
David King,
Joseph M. Lyon,
Charles H. Malcom,
George C. Mason,
Robert M. Mason,
James E. Mauran,

Dudley Newton,
 Stephen H. Norman,
 Felix Peckham,
 Thomas P. Peckham,
 Oliver Potter,
 Benj. H. Rhoades,
 James T. Rhodes,
 George A. Richmond,
 Robert Sherman,

Marshall Slocum,
 Augustus D. Small,
 James H. Taylor,
 Frederick Tompkins,
 Hamilton B. Tompkins,
 Charles C. Van Zandt,
 Adoniram J. Ward,
 Henry N. Ward,
 Joseph B. Weaver,

George H. Wilson,—

and one hundred and one proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Miss Martha M. Anderson,	Mary Laurette Rhoades,
Miss Rosalie Redwood Anderson,	George H. Richardson,
William S. Caldwell,	David Sears,
George J. Campbell,	George Terrill,
James Fludder,	George W. Wales,

William C. Langley.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, read by the Treasurer, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by WILLIAM C. COZZENS, President, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The President then read the report of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs;" [note, * see close of Report.] Also certain Resolutions passed by the Board respecting the expediency of repealing the Resolutions passed at the annual meeting, Sept. 30, 1868.

On motion of Col. T. W. Higginson,

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Enlargement and the Resolutions, be laid on the table for the present, and that the Company proceed to the election of officers.

Before proceeding to the election, the President, Hon. WM. C. COZZENS, stated that he declined being a candidate for re-election, whereupon

Mr. N. H. Gould nominated Mr. EDWARD KING for President.

Col. Higginson nominated Mr. HENRY LEDYARD for President.

The meeting having been informed by a letter from Mr. Edward King, (he being absent in Europe,) that he declined being a candidate, the Hon. HENRY LEDYARD was unanimously elected as President, and Mr. EDWARD KING, as Vice-President.

The Company then proceeded to the election of Directors.

On motion of Mr. H. H. Fay,

Voted, That twenty-five Directors be elected on one ballot.

After the distribution of printed tickets, the Secretary and Treasurer, as appointed by the charter to count the votes, with the assistance of Mr. George C. Mason, reported that the following named gentlemen were elected

DIRECTORS.

Sidney Brooks, Augustus N. Littlefield, John T. Bush, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles T. Brooks, Hamilton Hoppin, Charles H. Malcom, Richard Cornell, Charles C. Van Zandt, William A. Clarke, Samuel Engs, James T. Rhodes, George W. Gibbs, Francis Brinley, Wm. Gilpin, John Carter Brown, George P. Wetmore, Austin L. Sands, James E. Mauran, Hamilton B. Tompkins, Stephen H. Norman. Augustus D. Small, T. W. Higginson, Henry H. Fay, Samuel Powel.

RICHARD CORNELL was chosen *Treasurer*.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES was chosen *Recording and Corresponding Secretary*.

The subject, which was laid on the table for the choice of officers, was now resumed, and Mr. Hamilton Hoppin protested against the Report of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs" as irregular, and offered the following Resolutions, which were passed.

Resolved, That the Redwood Library Company do re-affirm their action had in 1868, in relation to the plans for the enlargement of the Library Building.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to proceed to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding *twenty thousand dollars*.

Messrs. James E. Mauran, Henry H. Fay and Stephen Gould, were chosen a Committee to examine the books in the Library.

Messrs. Joseph B. Weaver and Charles E. Hammett, Jr., were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account previous to the next annual meeting.

It was unanimously *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor.

The Auditing Committee were appointed to transfer the books of the late Treasurer to the new Treasurer.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1872.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, have the pleasure to present to the Stockholders a report of their doings for the year ending September 25, 1872.

One hundred and forty-two years have been added to the calendar of time since the first movement to establish a literary society in this place, which resulted in the incorporation of the REDWOOD LIBRARY by a Charter from Gideon Wanton, the Colonial Governor of this colony during the reign of George the Second, King of Great Britain, &c., &c., since which time, through the vicissitudes and changes which have occurred, this Institution has passed through many periods of adversity and prosperity.

In reviewing our successes since the 'new departure,' in 1856, we have cause for gratitude to the many liberal friends of the Library, who have in so many ways contributed to its prosperity.

The entire valuation of the Library property, including edifice books, pictures and the lot, was only twenty-three thousand dollars at that time; since which, by sale of shares, by subscriptions, donations and bequests, and contributions of books, stationery, statuary and pictures, the property has increased in value over one hundred thousand dollars.

This marked success in so short a period, may be attributed to an active, wise and liberal policy, in making the Library and Reading Room attractive as a place of general meeting of its stockholders, as well as all others who may be desirous of visiting the Library and inspecting its treasures.

The name and prestige of the Redwood Library, as a point of interest in the attractions of Newport, is equalled only by our climate and beautiful location on the bosom of the ocean. During the season now drawing to a close, the same large average of transient daily

visitors, as in former years, of five hundred and upwards per day, has been noticed ; and on one day there were at least one thousand people within its walls.

We feel that this Institution is doing its share in promoting the growth and increasing the business of Newport ; and we look forward with confidence for an increased interest in its proposed extension, as a means of securing a prosperous future.

In our last Annual Report, we were encouraged to believe that the subscription of ten thousand dollars, necessary to secure the generous offer of our fellow-townsmen, George W. Gibbs, Esq., of ten thousand dollars, on condition that an equal sum should be raised by subscription for the enlargement of the Library, would be accomplished ; and it is with great pleasure that we are able to report the amount secured, which has been all collected by trustees of the Gibbs' building fund, created by this Board, and temporarily invested by them, on deposit with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, subject to a participation in the profits of that Institution, and probably yielding an interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, until required for the purposes for which it was given.

Circumstances have prevented the Directors from proceeding with the proposed enlargement. The committee to whom this matter was entrusted, on reviewing the action of the Corporation at their annual meeting in 1868, and the plans submitted and adopted at that meeting, but which were not carried out for want of means, have, in consideration of the time that has elapsed, and the increased funds now in hand for that object, thought that some plan, more available or in accordance with the present style of the Library, would be more acceptable to the stockholders, and they presented a report at our meeting in July, that they had devoted much time to the consideration of the subject, and suggested a plan entirely different from the one adopted. We present, herewith, the report of that committee, with the vote of this Board, referring back to the Corporation the whole subject, suggesting that the expediency of repealing the Resolutions of September, 1868, may be considered, and asking that such action may be taken on the report of the Committee as the Corporation shall deem best.

Since our last annual meeting, another of the early friends of the Library, a native of Newport, and son of a former Librarian, has been gathered to his fathers. WILLIAM SANFORD ROGERS, of Boston, son of the late Robert Rogers, of Newport, after an absence of fifty

years and upwards, and dying in his adopted home, made provision, by his Will, that his mortal remains should be brought to Newport and interred with his ancestors. The City of Newport, for educational purposes, has been largely enriched by his munificence, and our Library has received the handsome sum of four thousand dollars, which has been invested in the Savings Bank, of Newport, in the name of the "*William S. Rogers' Book Fund of the Redwood Library,*" by vote of the Directors accepting the same, in compliance with his request that the income only should be annually applied to the purchase of books.

The Directors, at their meeting accepting the foregoing bequest, also "*Voted*, that all gifts or bequests of money for special objects, should be credited on the Treasurer's books, in the name of the benefactor, for the object specified, and deposited in the Savings Bank, of Newport."

We have received from Dr. HAMMETT, a gift of one hundred dollars towards the general expenses, and from JOSEPH H. PATTEN, Esq., of New York, a portrait of his father, the late WILLIAM PATTEN, D. D., for many years identified with Newport, as pastor of the Second Congregational Church.

We report with pleasure the continued remembrance of the Library by our Members of Congress, and others from whom many valuable books and reports have been received from time to time, and which are duly acknowledged.

During the past year, the Library Rooms have been used by the Newport Historical Society, for several meetings and lectures; the privilege has also been granted for Lectures and Readings, to persons highly recommended, who were desirous of select accommodations, which in many cases were well attended by the shareholders of the Library and others. In our proposed enlargement, we hope that accommodations for such occasions may not be overlooked.

A new arrangement of the furnaces for heating the rooms, involving one new furnace and change of location of the other, last winter, was a decided success, rendering the room comfortable in the coldest weather.

The Committee on Repairs, to whom was referred the defects on the roof and around the dome, reported that they had made some needed repairs, but that some more important work was necessary, and their report, at our last meeting, was referred to the annual meeting.

The Clarke House continues to be rented satisfactorily, although its occupancy and frequent change of tenants, make necessary not only repairs on the house, but additions and repairs of furniture. Its gross income has averaged about sixteen hundred dollars per annum.

While recounting our doings and the prosperity we have enjoyed, during the past year, we are painfully reminded that one of our Board, and for thirty years the Secretary of this Company, has been removed by death from our midst. ROBERT JAMES TAYLOR, Esq., the life-long friend of this Library, whose valuable services will long be remembered, after a short but painful illness, died on the 20th of December last, at the age of 61 years. Dr. Taylor was a great reader and reviewer of all the publications as they appeared, and his judgment in the selection of new books, was always highly prized by the Book Committee.

The president called a special meeting of the Directors, at which, Resolutions, appropriate to the sad event, were passed, expressive of our sorrow at the death of our associate and friend, and sympathy for the family of the deceased in their afflicting bereavement. Copies of these Resolutions were forwarded to the family of the deceased, and printed in the newspapers of the city. The Directors attended, in a body, the funeral of Doctor Taylor, on the 23d of December, 1871.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, BENJAMIN H. RHOADES was elected *Secretary* for the remainder of the year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Doct. Taylor.

The record of Books circulated during the year, as stated by the Librarian, is as follows:

For the year ending Sept. 1st, 1871.....	9,726
“ “ “ “ 1872.....	11,033

Increase during the year,.....1,307

Every year there is an increase in the number of those who visit the Library for the purpose of study and for using the books of reference, some even spending half of the twelve hours during which the Library is open, reading or writing in our well-lighted Reading Room.

At the date of our last Report the whole number of volumes on hand, was.....18,252

Added since by purchase.....	161
“ “ “ donation.....	602
“ “ “ binding periodicals.....	72

Making the whole number on hand, Sept. 25th, 1872,.....19,094

Two hundred and twenty-four (224) pamphlets have been given during the last twelve months.

Since our last Report, two more of the "Special Shares" have been sold at one hundred dollars each. Fourteen have been taken by original shareholders, on payment of seventy-five dollars, and a surrender of a present twenty-five dollar share. This makes fifty "Special Shares" disposed of, and the amount received \$4,075, which constitutes the "Special Share Fund," on deposit in the Savings Bank of Newport, the income being assigned to the general uses of the Library. We again commend these shares to our present stockholders, as well as to all who desire an interest in our Library, they being transferable, like other shares, and forever free from taxes or assessments.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's account will show the particular items of expenditure and receipts for the past year:

EXPENDITURES.

New Books, Periodicals and Newspapers.....	\$575 00
Binding Account and Printing.....	324 32
Salaries of Librarian and Assistant.....	1,142 00
Lighting Rooms.....	107 09
Fuel.....	154 10
Insurance.....	155 00
Incidental.....	419 19
Furniture and Repairs of the Clarke House.....	589 63
New Furnace, &c.....	210 79

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers...	1,715 30
Income of the Clarke Estate.....	1,700 00
Income from "Book Funds,".....	138 56
Income from "Special Share Fund,".....	196 47

The property, Invested Funds, and balances on hand, and due the Library, are as follows:

The Library Lot, edifice and contents, estimated at....	\$93,000 00
" Clarke Estate, including furniture, "	.... 17,054 52
" Special Share Fund invested in the Savings' Bank,	4,075 00
" Permanent Book Fund, the bequest of late Hon. Geo. G. King, (in the Savings Bank).....	1,000 00

The Wm. S. Rogers Book Fund, in the Savings Bank..	\$4,000 00
“ Robert Rogers Memorial Book Fund, U. S. Registered Gold Bond.....	1,000 00
“ Balance of season’s rent of Clarke House, due Oct. 1,	600 00
Balance in the Treasury....	829 69
“ The Gibbs Building Fund, on deposit with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company.....	20,025 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$141,584 21

Although the contents of the Library have increased very much within a few years, we have only added ten thousand dollars to the insurance. One of the companies in which we had policies, failed by the Chicago fire, and from that office we received a return premium, and obtained a new policy elsewhere. The amount insured, forty-five thousand five hundred (\$45,500) dollars, is distributed as follows :

On Library edifice.....	\$11,500 00
“ Books.....	20,000 00
“ Pictures and Statuary.....	7,000 00
“ Furniture.....	1,000 00
“ Clarke House and Furniture.....	6,000 00
	<hr/> \$45,500 00

In consequence of the illness of the Rev. Mr. Brooks, and the death of Doct. Taylor, two members of the “Book Committee” during the year, the addition of new books, by purchase, has been very much smaller than the funds for that object would warrant, and less than was expected. With the means on hand, and the income from funds for that special object, very liberal additions of new works may be expected the coming year.

In making this flattering exhibit of the condition of the Library, on this anniversary, with all our bills paid, and no indebtedness known to this Board, we may well hope for the continued prosperity and usefulness of this Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

WILLIAM C. COZZENS,
for the Directors.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON "ENLARGEMENT AND REPAIRS."

The Committee on enlargement and repairs beg leave to report,—

That they have devoted much time and attention to the consideration of the subject of another *addition to the Library Building*, with the liberal means furnished by the donations of Mr. Gibbs and other generous individuals.

The failure to carry out the suggestions for an addition, as contemplated in 1868, has given time and opportunity to reconsider the subject, with the possession of larger means now at the command of the Library Company, and to consult what appear to be the prevailing views, not only of the contributors of these means, but of many other friends of the Library, viz., that any new erection should harmonize and be in accord with the architectural design of the existing edifice.

While fully recognizing this sentiment, expressed, too, as it was in the last annual Report made to this Corporation by Mr. PRESIDENT KING, that "the past associations connected with our original structure have been wisely regarded in the alterations to which it has been already subjected, and should be considered in any future enlargement," the Committee, in now presenting suggestions of a Design, quite different from that of 1868, and more simple, would wish to be clearly understood as offering no criticism of the design of that time inimical to its talented author, whose well known architectural ability is so elaborately displayed and appreciated, both here and elsewhere, nor to any member of the committee who reported it.

The views of this Committee, and their recommendations, now unanimously presented, are: That the Clarke House, in the rear of the Library, should be moved to the eastern side of the Clarke lot, allowing to it a sufficient portion of the lot with a frontage of sixty-three feet on Redwood street. The future of these premises, so diminished, may be decided on hereafter by the Board, who may rent or otherwise dispose of the property as they may find to be necessary or advantageous to the Library Company.

The removal of the Clarke House will furnish ample space, (with a front on Redwood street of about 70 feet,) on which a structure, in perfect harmony with the present edifice, and affording all the room required, may be built.

The sketch of a ground plan, now presented, suggests a large room on the east side of the Reading Room which was erected in 1858, using the brick wall thereof, having an area of about 40 by 50 feet, with a Vestibule on the north, and a Directors' Room on the south for business meetings; at other times to be used by the Librarian, and probably useful for other purposes. The large room will furnish facilities for shelving books, not only on the sides, up to a convenient height, but also, by means of a gallery, approached by a light and graceful flight of steps on either side.

The whole to be lighted from above.

Underneath the large room, provision can be made for a convenient Lecture Room, at some future day, by laying the foundation walls of a sufficient depth to secure the required height of ceiling. A suitable entrance-way, from Redwood street to such Lecture Room, should be provided for.

The exterior of the north front of the proposed building to be built of olive stone, a color well suited to the other parts of the structure.

The east and south sides may be of less expensive stone, or of brick.

The Committee thus present a general view of their recommendations, without entering into minute details. These, it will be the duty of the architect, who may be selected, to furnish, when a carefully studied plan shall be prepared. Until that is done, no reliable estimate of the cost of the building, with its various appointments, can be given. At this period of workingmen's strikes, and of enhanced values of material, responsible contractors do hesitate to enter into engagements for early work of much magnitude.

While the Committee would, therefore, now ask the Board of Directors to decide only on the two points presented for their decision, 1st, of removing the Clarke House; and, 2d, of fixing on the locality of the new structure as here proposed, they are not prepared, for the reasons given, to recommend the immediate commencement of the contemplated work beyond the preparatory removal of the Clarke House during the ensuing autumn.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,	} <i>Committee.</i>
SIDNEY BROOKS,	
A. N. LITTLEFIELD,	
WM. C. COZZENS,	

NEWPORT, JULY 5TH, 1872

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were passed July 8th, 1872 :—

WHEREAS, At the Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1868, the following Resolutions were read and adopted, to wit :—

Resolved, That this Corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, architect, for proposed improvements of the Library, as presented by the Board of Directors, and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library Building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds, by subscription, or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation, as may be necessary :—

AND, WHEREAS, The difficulty of satisfactorily effecting a loan, and other causes, have prevented any action by the Directors, as contemplated by said Resolutions ; and inasmuch as the fiscal condition, and pecuniary resources of the Corporation have very largely improved during the past year, now, therefore,

It is Resolved, By the Board of Directors, That the subject be referred back to the next annual meeting of the Corporation, in September, and that notice thereof be given in the call for said meeting, to consider the expediency of repeating the Resolutions of September 30, 1868, and taking such other action, in regard to an enlargement of the Library Building, as the Corporation shall deem best.

OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, December 21st, 1871 :—

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, receive the intelligence of the death of ROBERT J. TAYLOR, with sincere regret at the loss of a respected associate and honest man.

Resolved, That we retain a grateful appreciation of his faithful and exact service as Secretary of this Institution for thirty consecutive years, as well as of the nice discrimination and judgment he exhibited in the selection of many of the volumes which adorn the Library.

Resolved, That, with the whole community, we recognize the benevolent and upright nature of Doctor Taylor in private life, and the active fidelity in the various public offices so frequently confided to him by the people of Newport.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of Doctor Taylor, we will, as a body, attend his funeral on Saturday, December 23d, 1871, from his late residence, at the corner of Mount Vernon and Sherman streets, at eleven o'clock. A. M.

Resolved, That the Library be closed during the funeral services.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be published in the newspapers of the City, and in our Annual Report.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

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Sept. 25.	Balance on hand,	Sept. 25.	To payments for Book Account,
1872.		\$999 32	Expense account,
June 6.	Gift of George A Hammett,	1,046 77	B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,
Sept. 25.	Rent received from Clarke Estate,	1,000 00	J. G. Johnson, Ass't.
"	Amount of Collections from Annual Tax, and	142 00	Repairs and Furniture,
	Rent of Shares,	589 63	Clarke Estate,
	Received Robert Rogers Memorial Fund,		Deposited in Savings Bank, Preferred Share
"	" bequest of Wm. Sanford Rogers,	1,250 00	Fund,
"	" Dividend on Book Fund, Savings Bank,	4,000 00	William S. Rogers Book Fund,
"	" Dividend Special Share Fund,	1,000 00	United States Registered Gold Bond,
"	" Coupons, Robert Rogers Memorial Fund,	829 69	Balance on hand,
"	" Sale of picture,		
"	" " 16 "Preferred Shares,"		
		<u>\$10,857 41</u>	
		\$10,857 41	
Sept. 25.	Balance on hand,		
NEWPORT, Sept 25, 1872.			
	Errors excepted,		
	MEMORANDUM OF PROPERTY ON HAND.		
	Balance in the Treasury,		
	Investment, Clarke Estate,		
"	" Special Share Fund,		
"	" Permanent Book Fund,		
"	" R. Rogers Memorial "		
"	" Wm. S. Rogers Book Fund		

WE, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers, as per statement above, and find them correct.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER,)

NEWPORT, Sept. 25, 1872.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR.		

APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS' BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$10,000	Henry S. Fearing,	100
George Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Frederick Sheldon,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	J. Winthrop Chandler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.,	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm. A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A Friend to the Library,	100	William Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer,	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
John Foster,	100	Total,	\$20,025 00

The following is a list of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year:

- Beck, H. P., Three original shares in Redwood Library.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins.
 Botta Vincenzo, 2 vols.
 Brewerton, Mrs. George, 14 Nos. Magazines.
 Brighton, (Mass.) Holton Library, 1 vol.
 Brinley, Hon. F., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Brown Jacob B., 1 pph.
 Brown, John, 2 vols.
 Brown, John Carter, 9 vols.
 Burlingham, Thomas, 1 vol., 5 pphs.
 Calvert, Hon., George H., 1 vol.
 Cook Miss Sarah, 2 vols.
 Curtis Daniel S., Boston, 1 pph. Curiosities.
 Eyre, Wilson, 5 vols., 29 nos. Magazines.
 Friend of the Library, 20 volumes.
 Goodwin, Miss Juliet H., 1 vol.
 Greene, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, 3 pphs,
 Haight, Mrs. 4 vols.
 Hammett, Dr. George A., 1 pph., \$100 cash.
 Higginson, Col. T. W., 23 vols.
 Hazard Thomas R., "Spiritual Magazine" continued, and "Banner of Light," ditto.
 Hoadley Charles J., Hartford, 3 vols.
 Holgate, Mrs. A. H., 5 vols.
 Homans, J. Smith, N. Y., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, Geo. Perry & Morris Phillips, continued.
 Johnson, Joseph G., 3 vols.
 Ladd, John W., 128 nos. magazines.
 Lawrence, Abbott, Boston, 1 pph.
 Lawrence, Hon. Wm. B., 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Leach, Rev. Daniel, 1 pph.
 Ledyard, Henry, 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Ludlow, Mrs. C. A., steel engraved portrait, 1 pph.
 Lyman Charles, 3 vols.
 Massachusetts, State of, 2 vols.
 Mason Robert M., 1 vol.
 Mauran James E., 1 vol. "Nation," continued.
 Myers, Col. T., Bayley, 1 vol.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 Newport, City of, 1 vol.
 Newton, Mass, 2 pphs.
 New York Merc. Library, 1 vol.

- Northam, Miss Caroline M., Curiosities from California.
 "Our Dumb Animals," continued.
 Patten, Joseph H., portrait.
 Peabody Institute, Baltimore, 1 vol., 7 pphs.
 Peckham John, 10 vols.
 Penn Monthly, continued.
 Potter, Thos. Bayley, 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Powel, Hon. Samuel, "American Naturalist," continued ; "Boston
 Journal Chemistry," continued.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence, City of, 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, State of, 2 vols.
 "Rogers' Memorial Fund," continued, 266 vols., total 679.
 Russell, Charles H., 8 vols., 144 pphs..
 Saint Louis Public School Library, 1 vol. 3 pphs.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Institute, 12 pphs.
 San Francisco, Cal., Mechanics Institute, 1 vol.
 Seabury, Thomas M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Smith, Miss Harriet, 6 vols.
 Sheffield, Hon. Wm. P., 3 nos. magazines, "Nation" continued.
 Sharp, William, 4 Chromos.
 Sprague, Hon. Wm., 1 vol.
 Taylor, John J. 5 vols.
 Thompson, Frederick, N. Y., 1 vol.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 9 vols.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, "Religious Magazine" continued.
 United States Agricultural Dept., 1 vol.
 " " Engineer " 3 vols., per Gen. A. Humphreys.
 " " Interior " 47 vols.
 " " Library of Congress, 1 pph.
 " " Pat't Office "Official Gazette," per Hon. H. B. Anthony.
 " " Smithsonian Institute, 2 vols.
 " " State Dept., 19 vols., 9 pphs., per Hon. Wm. Hunter.
 " " Treasury Department, 2 vols.
 Vernon, Miss E. E., 183 numbers magazines.
 Vernon, Thomas, manuscript.
 Waring, Col. George E., 2 pphs.
 Waterston, Rev. R. C., 1 pph.
 Watson, Winslow M., 1 pph.
 Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 6 pphs.
 Worcester Public Library, 1 pph.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 28 vols.
 Yznaga, Mrs., 2 vols.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "PREFERRED SHARES" OF \$100.

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	Parkman, George F.
Anderson, Miss Rosalie Redwood	Powel, Samuel
Ashhurst, William H.	Ray, Robert
Brooks, Sidney	Rhodes, James T.
Butler, Samuel W.	Russell, Charles H.
Caldwell, Wm. S.	Russell, Wm. H.
Cornell, Richard	Sampson, Joseph
Cozzens, Wm. C.	Sands, Austin L.
Foster, John	Sanford, Henry S.
Gibbs, George W.	Sears, David
Gibbs, Miss Sarah	Sheffield, Wm. P.
Hammett, George A.	Sherman, Isaac
Hone, Robert S.	Smith, Alfred
Hoppin, Hamilton	Taylor, Robert J.
Kennedy, Robert L.	Tompkins, Frederick
Ledyard, Henry	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
McCurdy, Robert H.	Tucker, William W.
Macy, Seth W.	Van Rensselaer, Alexander
Malcom, Charles H.	Wales, George W.
Mason, Earl F.	Wetmore, Miss Annie D.
Mason, Robert M.	Wetmore, Miss Edith K. M.
Mathews, Nathan	Wetmore, George Peabody
Morgan, Edwin D.	Wetmore, Samuel
Norman, George H.	Wetmore, William Boerum
Norman, Stephen H.	Willett, Edward M.

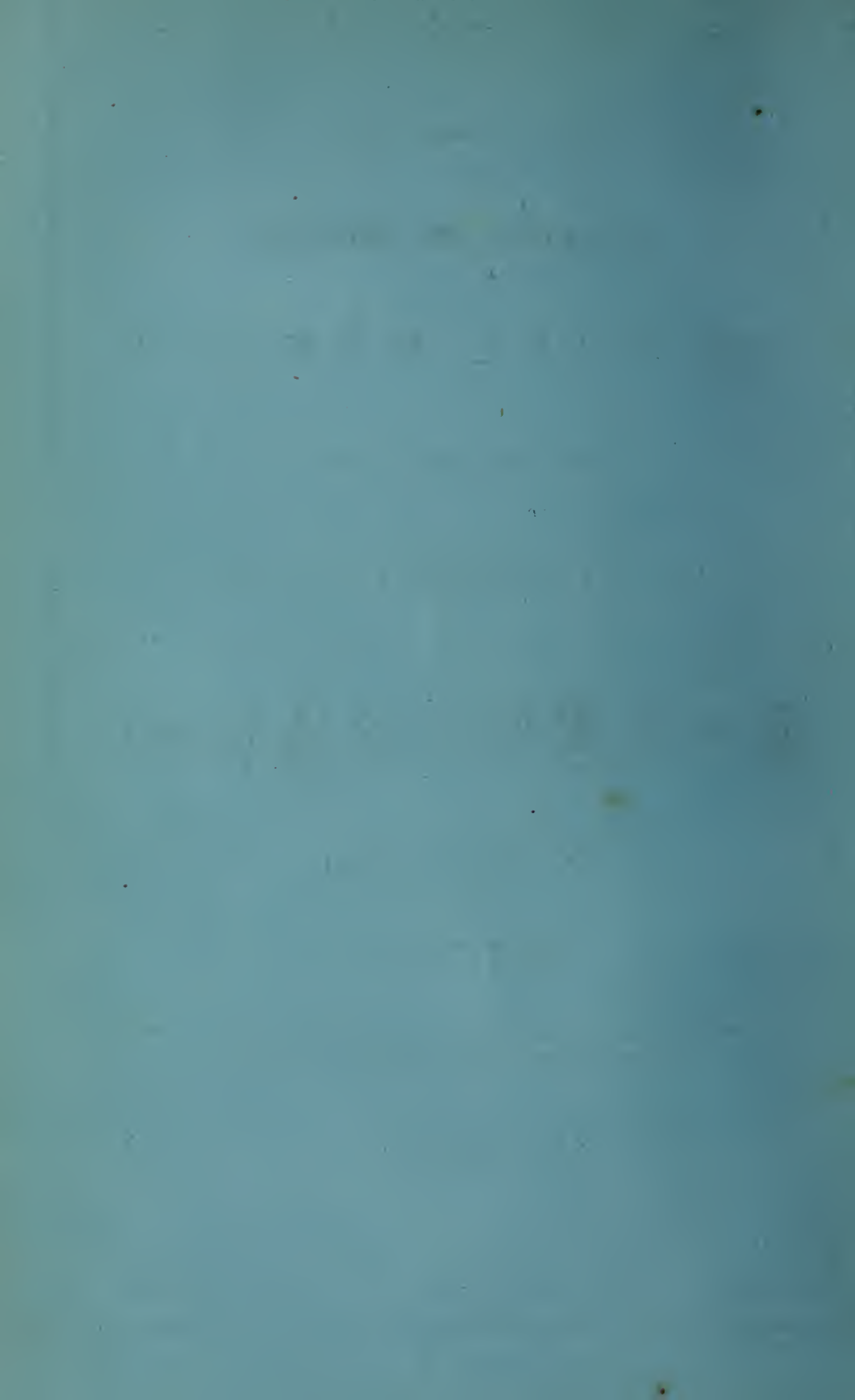
2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.

Ailman, Benjamin H.	1	Almy, Margarette G.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Anthony, Mary	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Atkinson, James	1
Allen, Samuel	1	Bailey, Joseph I.	2

Bailey Samuel C.	1	Coggeshall, John S.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Coggeshall, Thomas	1
Barreda, Frederick L.	8	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Beck, Henry Paul	1	Congdon, John C.	1
Berry, Robert P.	2	Congdon, Wm. P.	1
Birckhead, James	1	Cook, George I.	1
Bliss, Wm. H.	1	Cornell, Richard	2
Boit, Edward D.	4	Cornell, William	1
Bowen, George	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Bowen, Stephen	1	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Bowler, Wm.	1	Cozzens, George	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Bradford, Mrs. Rebecca M.	1	Cozzens, John H.	1
Breese, Thomas	1	Cranston, Robert B.	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Dame, Jonathan	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Deblois, John S.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Dennis John D.	1
Brown, John A.	1	Denniston, George	1
Brown, John Carter	1	Dumont J. Ludlow	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Dunn, Theophilus C.	1
Brownell, Wm.	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Edgar, William	1
Bull Henry	1	Eldred, John	4
Burdick J. Truman	1	Ellery, Mary G. & Harriet C.	1
Bush, John T.	2	Engs, George	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Engs, John S.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Engs, Samuel	1
Cahoone, Stephen	1	Ennis, Caroline W.	1
Callendar, Elizabeth	1	Fay, Henry H.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Field, John W.	1
Campbell, George I.	1	Finch, Benjamin	1
Carey, John	1	Fludder, James	1
Caswell, John R.	1	Fludder, William	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Foster John	2
Chase Gilbert	1	Gibbes, R. M.	3
Chace, Sarah I.	1	Gilpin, William	1
Child, Rev. Wm. S.	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Church, First Baptist	1	Goffe, Emma	1
Church, Unitarian	1	Gould, David J.	3
Clarke, Harriet	1	Gould, Nathan H.	1
Clarke, William A.	5	Gould, Stephen	1
Coe, Adam S.	1	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Coggeshall, David M.	1	Greene, Nathaniel	1

Green, George W.	1	Lawrence, Wm. B.	9
Greene, John H.	1	Lawton, Charles E.	1
Griswold, John N. A.	4	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Gyles, Charles	1	Lawton, Francis	1
Hall, George	1	Lawton, George	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lawton, Gideon	1
Hammett, Charles E., Jr.	2	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Lemont, Mary D.	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Leverett, Wm.	1
Hammett, Robert W.	1	Littlefield, Augustus N.	1
Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Lyon, Joseph	1
Hazard, Benjamin	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hazard, Benj of T. G.	1	Marsh, I. W. R.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T.	1	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
Hazard, Isaac P.	3	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, George A.	1	Mellville, Benj. S.	1
Hazard, James L.	1	Mercer, William N.	6
Hazard, J. Alfred	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Hazard, J. Alfred of T. G.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Hazard, Rowland R., Jr.	4	Morris, Wistar	1
Hazard, Theophilus D.	1	Munro, Rebecca	1
Hazard, Thomas H.	1	Newton, Benjamin	1
Hazard, Thos. R.	1	Newton, Dudley	2
Higginson, Thomas W.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Newton, Simon	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	3	Newton, William	1
Howland, Benjamin B.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hunter, Charles	3	Ogden, Edward	2
Hunter, Rebecca E.	1	Paine, John	2
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Parkman, George F.	3
Ives, Robert H.	1	Parmenter, Henry	1
Kane, Delancey	8	Pearson, John	1
Kennedy, Robert L.	3	Peckham, Felix	1
King, Caroline	1	Peckham, Job A.	2
King, David	3	Peckham, John O.	1
King, Edward	4	Peckham, Mary E.	1
King, George G.	1	Peckham Thomas P.	1
King, William H.	8	Peckham, Wm. G., Jr.	2
Kuhn, Charles	1	Pell, Duncan C.	1
Ladd, John W.	1	Pell, Mrs. Walden	1
Langley, Wm. C.	1	Phinney, Theodore W.	2
Lawrence, S. Abbott	1	Potter, Oliver	1

Pray, Harley W.	1	Stevens, William	1
Ray, Robert	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Rhineland, Frederick W.	1	Stoddard, John C.	2
Rhodes, James T.	3	Stout, Mrs. A. M.	1
Rhoades, Benj. H.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T.	1
Rhoades, Harriet S.	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Rhoades, Lawrence	1	Taylor, Wm. Rogers	1
Rhoades, Mary L.	1	Terrill, George	1
Richardson, George H.	1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Tiffany, George	2
Rider, Philip	1	Tilley, Benjamin J.	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B.	4
Robeson, Andrew	3	Torry, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Ruggles, Mary	1	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Russell, Charles H.	4	Townsend, John F.	1
Russell, Harry	2	Turner, Henry E.	1
Russell, Wm. H.	1	Turner, Henry E., Jr.	1
Sanford, Wm. H.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Underwood, Charles W.	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	2	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Sherman, Edward A.	1	Vernon, Samuel B.	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Vernon, William	1
Sherman, William	1	Ward, A. J.	1
Simmons, Philip	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Slocum, Marshall C.	1	Weaver, Joseph B.	1
Small, Augustus D.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Smith, Wm. H.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Spooner, W. H. D.	1	Wilbour, John	1
Staigg, Richard M.	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Stanton, Robert H.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Stevens, David	1	Wormeley, Miss K. P.	1



ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

MADE SEPTEMBER 24, 1873.

TO THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

ORIGINATED A. D. 1730,—INCORPORATED BY CHARTER, A. D. 1747.

EDIFICE ERECTED A. D. 1748.—ENLARGED A. D. 1838.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

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TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1873.



NEWPORT:

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1873-4.

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VICE-PRESIDENT,

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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Librarian.*

Standing Committees of Directors.

ON BOOKS.

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FRANCIS BRINLEY.

ON FINANCE.

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SIDNEY BROOKS, AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE W. GIBBS.

ON BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,
WILLIAM GILPIN.

ON EXPENDITURES.

HENRY E. TURNER, GEO. PEABODY WETMORE,
RICHARD CORNELL.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At the Annual Meeting September 24, 1873.

THE annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 24, 1873.

At the hour appointed, the HON. HENRY LEDYARD, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the Proprietors being present as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.

Bradford, Joseph

Brinley, Francis

Brooks, Charles T.

Brown, Samuel

Bull, Henry Jr.

Bush, John T.

Butler, Samuel W.

Clarke, William A.

Coggeshall, John S.

Coit, Benjamin W.

Cornell, Richard

Cornell, William

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Cozzens, William C.

Eugs, George

Eugs, John S.

Eugs, Samuel

Fay, Henry H.

Fludder, James

Gibbs, Theodore K.

Gilpin, William

Gould, Nathan H.

Hammett, Charles E. Jr.

Hammond, Zenas L.

Hazard, Benjamin (of T. G.)

Hazard, James L.	Reynolds, Garduer B.
Higginson, Thomas W.	Rhoades, Benjamin H.
Honey, Samuel R.	Rider, Philip
Hunter, Charles	Sands, Austin L.
Ledyard, Henry	Sherman, Robert
Ledyard, Lewis Cass	Stevens, William G.
Lyon, Joseph M.	Stoddard, John C.
Macy, Seth W.	Swinburne, Daniel T.
Malcom, Charles H.	Tilton, Frederic W.
Mason, George C.	Tompkins, Frederick
Mauran, James E.	Turner, Henry E.
Norman, Stephen H.	Ward, A. Judson
Peckham, Felix	Ward, Henry N.
Peckham, Thomas P.	Willard, E. W.
Potter, Oliver	Wilson, Geo. H.

and one hundred and twenty-five proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Charles P. Barber,	Mrs. Grace Brown,
Mrs. Susan W. D'Hauteville,	Geo. Richmond Fearing,
Theodore K. Gibbs,	Samuel R. Honey,
Mrs. Abby E. Newton,	Mrs. Hannah C. Newton,
Charles C. Perkins,	Daniel Parish, Jr.
George A. Richmond,	Mrs. Anna Russell,
Wm. Gammell Seabury,	Edwin G. Spooner,
William G. Stevens,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry E. Turner, Jr.	E. W. Willard.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report, read by the Treasurer, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by HENRY LEDYARD, President, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers by ballot, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

HENRY LEDYARD, President ; EDWARD KING, Vice President.

DIRECTORS.

Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, Augustus N. Littlefield, John T. Bush, Henry E. Turner, Wm. P. Sheffield, Charles T. Brooks, Hamilton Hoppin, Charles H. Malcom, Francis Brinley, Nathan H. Gould, Richard Cornell, Charles C. Van Zandt, Wm. A. Clarke, Samuel Engs, George W. Gibbs, Seth W. Macy, Wm. Gilpin, John Carter Brown, Geo. Peabody Wetmore, Austin L. Sands, Samuel Powel, Wm. H. Ashhurst, Wm. C. Cozzens, Samuel W. Butler.

RICHARD CORNELL, *Treasurer*.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1874.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the annual meeting on September 30, 1868, authorizing the Directors "to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library building by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the corporation as may be necessary," is hereby repealed.

The following Resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, by recent liberal donations to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the means for increased accommodation for the Library and Works of Art are largely augmented since the subject was agitated in the year 1867, and WHEREAS, there have been and are differences of opinion in regard to the reports and plans, which have been submitted or suggested by the several Committees, to whom the subject has been heretofore referred,

Therefore *Resolved*, That all Votes and Resolutions, which have been passed and adopted since the year 1867, in reference to the question or mode of enlargement of the present edifice, and the protest offered and hastily adopted at the last annual meeting against the then "Committee of Enlargement" be, and they are hereby repealed, rescinded, and made void.

Resolved, That the whole subject of Enlargement be and it hereby is, referred to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. J. E. Mauran, H. H. Fay, and Stephen Gould, were chosen a Committee to examine the books.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr. and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1873.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, present to the Company their one hundred and forty-third Annual Report.

Since the last annual meeting vacancies have occurred in the Board by the resignation of Mr. Sidney Brooks, and the death of Mr. James T. Rhodes. Mr. Brooks has been a Director since 1858, and Mr. Rhodes since 1867, and these gentlemen will be gratefully remembered as among the most efficient and liberal friends of the Library.

Desiring to give the delinquent shareholders an opportunity of renewing their relations with the Library, the Directors appointed a Special Committee to report upon the precise number, the extent of delinquency in each case, and the course of action most expedient to be taken thereupon. The Committee reported that thirty-eight shareholders were in arrears, of these six owed assessments for one year, amounting to \$36 ; seven for two years, \$84 ; twenty-one for three years, \$378 ; and four for four years, \$92 ; in all, \$590.

Believing that there was no hope of obtaining arrears of more than one year's standing, they recommended that it would be for the best interest of the Library to excuse from arrears and readmit to full privileges those delinquent shareholders of more than one year's standing, who would pay the assessment just levied. In the case of those who, after fair notice, decline this liberal proposal, that their shares should be declared forfeited in the manner provided in the Charter.

After full consideration, the Directors, while they would gladly have dealt generously with the delinquents, decided that they had no power, under the charter, to remit fines or assessments and, accordingly, caused the legal notice of forfeiture to be given. Five shares were consequently declared forfeited, twenty-nine were voluntarily surrendered, and on four, arrears and this year's tax were paid.

At the last annual meeting, it was "Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding \$20,000."

Mr. Hunt was requested to prepare working plans and specifications for the building, which were submitted to responsible contractors, who presented the following estimates :

P. G. Case & Co.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$31,500
C. H. Burdick,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,900

The lowest of these propositions exceeded so largely the amount that the Directors were authorized to expend, that they instructed the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," to refer them to the architect to ascertain what reduction could be made. A communication was received from Mr. Hunt, recommending building the two front rooms only of the proposed addition to the Library, to save expense, and executing the work as nearly as may be according to the specifications, which he believed could be done for \$20,000. This is the Architect's estimate of the probable cost of the building, reduced in size, and without any certainty that the sum named would ensure its construction agreeably to the specifications heretofore furnished to the Directors. And to this must be added the Architect's commission, the expense of fitting up the building for use; and various incidental expenses that invariably occur in the course of construction. In almost all cases the *actual* cost exceeds the *contract* price, and there is no reason that this should be an exception.

It was the opinion of the Committee, concurred in by the Directors, that the building even modified as recommended by the Architect, would cost more than the sum to the credit of the "Building Fund." In that event, the company have no means of providing for the deficiency. Apart from the interest of the funds pledged for specific purposes, our income is entirely absorbed by the expenses of management and the purchase of a few books of current value. In view, therefore, of the foregoing considerations, the high price of labor and material, the uncertainty of the labor market and the inadequacy of the fund applicable to the completion of the proposed addition agreeably to the plans and specifications heretofore furnished by the Architect, the Directors decided that it was inexpedient to take any further action towards its erection at present.

The Board having been advised that there existed serious legal objections to their appointment of "Trustees of the Gibbs Building Fund," by their resolution of January 8th, 1872, rescinded the same and requested the Trustees to transfer the amount deposited to their credit in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., and the National Bank of Rhode Island of Newport, to the credit of the "Gibbs Building Fund of the Redwood Library and Athenæum." This was done, and the whole amount subscribed to that fund is on deposit in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. on participation account, and now amounts to \$21,563.82.

The Directors recommend that the Resolution passed at the annual meeting on Sept. 30th, 1868, authorizing them "to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library building, by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the corporation as may be necessary" be repealed.

At the date of our last Report, the whole number of volumes on hand was

	-	-	-	-	-	19,094
Added since by purchase,	-	-	-	-	-	271
" " " donation,	-	-	-	-	-	220
" " " binding periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	46

Making the whole number on hand 1st Sept., 1873, 19,631
an increase during the year of 537 volumes.

Five hundred and thirty-five pamphlets, including magazines and reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

The Librarian reports that there has been a great increase in the number of books called for and used at the Library for the purpose of consultation and reference.

The additions made to the Library during the year have been selected by the Book Committee with great care, and are believed to have been generally of a high character. A large number of works of permanent and general interest and value, which are not republished in this country, have been ordered from France and England, but have not been received in time to be included in this Report.

A by-law, imposing a fine for the detention of books over a specified time, was adopted some years ago by the Company, but until recently has not been enforced. By the Charter the Directors "have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company which they shall take care to have strictly enforced." In obedience to this provision, and convinced of the necessity of this by-law, the Directors have instructed the Librarian to enforce it strictly. A practice has prevailed of detaining books, not only for weeks, but for months, beyond the time allowed by the Regulations. As we are rarely able to purchase more than one copy of a work, this seriously restricts the usefulness of the Library. A few persons monopolize books, which should be at the disposition of as large a number of readers as possible, and many of the shareholders are thus deprived of their just rights. The Librarian reports that books are returned with much greater punctuality since this rule has been enforced.

With this explanation of the duty and necessity of enforcing this by-law, the Directors feel assured that the shareholders will cordially co-operate with them in maintaining, not only this, but all other regulations, calculated to extend the use of the Library to the largest number of persons.

Donations of valuable books and reports have been received from the persons and associations named in the appendix, to whom the thanks of this Institution are hereby tendered. Special acknowledgments are due to Mr. John R. French, and the officers and employés of the Senate of the United States, for their presentation of a valuable Crayon Portrait of Senator Anthony ; to E. & H. T. Anthony of New York, for 50 Stereoscopic Views of Newport, and a fine Stereoscope for their exhibition ; to our Senators and Representatives ; to Hon. William Hunter, Assist. Secr'y. of State ; to Boston Public Library, and Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., for their special and continued interest in our behalf ; and to "X. Y. Z." for a donation of \$275, towards the expenses of the Library.

Since the last Report, four more of the "Special Shares" have been sold at \$100 each ; and one taken by an original shareholder, on payment of \$75, and the surrender of a \$25 share.

The "SPECIAL SHARE FUND," on deposit in the "Savings Bank of Newport," now amounts, with interest, to \$4,841 42.

The following abstract from the Treasurer's Report shows the items of receipts and expenditures for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

Taxes paid by shareholders and temporary subscribers,	\$1,519 00
Fines, &c.,	21 55
Rent of Clarke House,	1,621 25
Gift from "X. Y. Z."	275 00
Interest, Robert Rogers Book Fund,	68 29
Interest, W. Sanford Rogers Book Fund,	212 45
Interest, George G. King	71 22
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	\$3,788 76
Balance on hand 30th Sept. 1872,	829 69
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	\$4,618 45

EXPENDITURES.

Books, Periodicals and Newspapers,	-	-	\$644 63
Binding and Printing,	-	-	371 08
Salaries, Librarian and Assistant,	-	-	1,326 33
Incidental Expenses,	-	-	704 82
Furniture, Insurance, Repairs, &c. (Clarke House)			522 45
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			\$3,569 31
Balance 24th Sept., 1873,	-	-	1,049 14
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			\$4,618 45

It is very desirable that the payment of the annual taxes should be made promptly, and in advance instead of being delayed, as is now the case in many instances, until the middle and sometimes the close of the year. Our arrangements for the purchase of books, fuel, &c., are based upon cash payments, by which we are enabled to obtain a large discount; and unless we have the money on hand, we are obliged to delay our orders or make our purchases on credit to great disadvantage, and contrary to the declared policy of the Board. These taxes are now collected by the Librarian, who calls on the shareholders with the tax-bills. He is often obliged to apply several times before they are paid, and thus his time, which should be devoted to other objects, is occupied in the performance of a duty which should properly be discharged by the shareholders.

The Directors suggest that the Resolution, assessing the annual tax, should provide that *in all cases* it should be paid to the Librarian at the Library, on or before January 1st, and if it is not so paid, ten per cent. on the amount assessed should be added to the tax. The importance of establishing a "Book Fund," the interest only of which should be applied to the purchase of books, is earnestly pressed on the attention of the friends of the Library. This is needed to place it on a firm foundation, by providing an adequate supply of the current literature always so much in demand, and filling up deficiencies, which exist in

several departments of standard literature. We cannot more strongly present the claims of the Library to the continued support and benevolence of all who are interested in its improvement, than by using the forcible and impressive language of one, who, distinguished by his learning, eloquence and piety, and his earnest desire to promote social, intellectual and religious progress, is one of its truest and most active friends. In his eloquent words :—

“The Redwood Library belongs to the palmiest days of Newport. It is associated with early culture. It is hallowed by recollections of learning and piety. Here was the source of improvement and enjoyment to many a family. Memories of Stiles and Allston and Channing, linger within its walls. It could tell many a tale of quiet study, and is a monument of the thoughtfulness of our fathers for their descendants. Oh, what might it not do for our city, if it could be so endowed, that every branch of industry and every department of knowledge might find there abundant resources ! if its funds could be so increased that a merely nominal tax might enable the poorest to enjoy its advantages ! Much has been done, but this only urges to greater effort. An earnest appeal for old REDWOOD is made to all who revere what is excellent in the ancient, while they promote what is good in the new ; and who believe that the truest philosophy, and the best practice, is to link the progress of the present and the hopes of the future with the memories of the past.”

All which is respectfully submitted, by

HENRY LEDYARD,
for the Directors.

OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions, presented by HON. SAMUEL POWEL, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, April 14th, 1873 :—

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library have heard with profound regret of the death of their lamented associate, JAMES T. RHODES. His sterling integrity, and earnest devotion to the interests of this Institution, contributed so largely to its prosperity, that we desire to record our high appreciation of his worth, and our sincere sorrow for his loss.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these Resolutions to the family of Mr. Rhodes.

Dr. Cr.
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM in account with RICHARD CORNELL, Treasurer.
 (A Recapitulation of the accounts in detail rendered monthly.)

1873.		1872.		
Sept. 24.	To payments for the Clarke Est., for Furnishing.		Sept. 30.	By balance in cash transferred by George Cozzens, late Treasurer,
" "	" " Repairs, Ins. and Com'n.	\$522 45	1873.	
" "	" " to Benj. H. Rhoades, Librarian.	1,183 33	Sept. 24.	Received from the Clarke Estate, for Rent and return premium on Ins. - - - \$1,255 00
" "	" " Joseph G. Johnson, Clerk,	18 00	" "	for 248 Annual Taxes, - - - 261 00
" "	" " Joseph H. Riley,	125 00	" "	44 Temporary Subscriptions, - - - 21 55
" "	" " for Book Account,	1,015 71	" "	Fines and Extra Books taken out, - - - 1,540 55
" "	" " Expense Account,	704 82	" "	for 5 "Special Shares" sold, - - - 475 00
" "	" Deposited in Savings Bank of Newport, for "Special Share Fund,"	475 00	" "	Dec. 30, 1872, as a gift from (x y z) - 100 00
" "	" Balance carried to new account,	765 47	" "	Jan. 7, 1873, do. - - - 75
		\$4,809 78	" "	Feb. 20, do. - - - 100
			" "	Interest on R. Rogers Book Fund,
			Sept. 24.	By balance on deposit in the National Bank of Rhode Island, of Newport, - - - \$4,809 78
				<u>\$705 47</u>
			NEWPORT, Sept. 24th, 1873.	
			Errors excepted,	RICHARD CORNELL, Treasurer.
			Sept. 24.	MEMORANDUM OF INVESTED AND DEPOSITED FUNDS.
			One United States Registered Bond, for the Robert Rogers Memorial Book Fund,	- - - \$1,000 00
			One Deposit in Savings Bank of Newport, for the George G. King Book Fund, Prin. \$1000. Int. \$71.22	\$1,071 22
			William S. Rogers Book Fund, Prin. \$4000. Int. \$212.45	4,212 45
			"Special Share Fund," Prin. \$4,550. Int. \$291.42	<u>4,841 42</u>
			On Deposit in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. for the Gibbs Building Fund, on participation account April 30th, July 31st,	\$20,173 75
			(Prin. \$20,025 00. Int. \$1,538 82.)	<u>1,390 07</u>
				\$21,563 82
				<u>\$33,454 38</u>
			Estimated value of the "Clarke Estate; Library Building and Lot; Books, Pictures, Statuary," &c.	

I, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers, as per statement above, and find them correct.
 NEWPORT, Sept. 23, 1873.

CHARLES E. HAMMETT, JR. Auditor.

APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS' BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$10,000	Henry S. Fearing,	100
George Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Frederick Sheldon,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	J. Winthrop Chanler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm. A. Clarke.	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson.	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A friend to the Library.	100	Wm. Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer.	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
John Foster,	100	Total,	<u>\$20,025 00</u>

The following is a list of all the GIFTs to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

- Adams, Charles F., of Boston, 2 pphs.
 Anthony, Messrs. E. & H. T. & Co., 591 Broadway, New York,
 Stereoscope and 50 Views.
 Anthony, Hon. H. B., Patent Office "Official Gazette" continued, and
 "Chart of Narragansett Bay."
 Arnold, Dr. E. S. F., 1 pph.
 Atwood, J., of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Barker, Robert S., 84 pphs.
 Bossange, Gustave, 1 vol.
 Boston, Public Library, 1 vol. 4 pphs.
 Botla, Prof. Vincenzo, 1 vol. 1 pph.
 Bradlee, Rev. C. D., 8 pphs. Photograph of Garrison.
 Brinley, Francis, 1 pph.
 Brooks, Rev. C. T., 41 vols , 210 pphs., Photograph of Froude.
 Calvert, George H., 3 vols.
 Coggeshall, Thomas, 4 pphs.
 Cobden Club, 1 vol.
 Colonization Society, 1 vol., 77 pphs.
 Congregational Publishing Society, Boston, 1 vol.
 Crocker, E. A., of Taunton, 3 vols.
 Curtis, Daniel Sargent, of Boston, 3 vols. 4 pphs.
 Dahlgren, Rear Admiral, per Mrs. S. A. Lawrence, War Relic.
 DeKroyft, Mrs. S. H., 1 vol.
 Dennis, J. of Washington, 2 vols.
 Dennis, W., 1 vol.
 Edes, Rev. R. S., 1 pph.
 Everett, H. Sidney, 1 vol.
 Fitch, John, of New York, 1 pph.
 Fludder, J., 1 vol.
 Foote, Rev. H. W., 1 pph.
 Friends of the Library, 2 vols.
 French, J. R., of Wash., and 17 others, Crayon Portrait of H. B.
 Anthony.
 Garrison, Wm. P., of New York, 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Mrs. J. H., 1 vol.
 Gould, N. H., 1 vol.

- Haight, E. G., 1 vol.
 Hancock, Rev. S. F., 1 vol., 5 pphs.,
 Harvard College, 3 pphs.
 Hazard, Thomas R., "Banner of Light," continued, and "Spiritual Magazine," continued.
 Higginson, T. W., 30 vols., 4 pphs.
 Hill, Rev. S. C., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, continued.
 Honey, S. R., 1 vol.
 Humphreys, Mrs. H. B., 2 vols., 46 pphs.
 Hunter, Hon. Wm., 3 vols., 3 pphs.
 Lawrence, W. B., 1 vol.
 Ledyard, H., 11 vols., 5 pphs.
 Loubat, Alphonse, of New York., 1 vol.
 Lyon, Rev. J. J., of New York, 2 vols.
 Mason, George C., 1 vol.
 Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
 Massachusetts State Board of Health, 1 vol.
 Mauran, J. E., 1 vol.
 Michigan, State Library, 1 vol.
 Morland, Dr. W. W., 1 pph.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 Newport, City, 1 vol.
 Newton, Mass., 1 pph.
 Palmer, Frederic, 60 pphs.
 Pell, D. C., 3 vols., 12 pphs.
 Perkins, Augustus Thorndike, of Boston, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Perry, Mrs. C. G., 100 pphs.
 Philadelphia Mercantile Library, 1 pph.
 Powel, Samuel, "Naturalist," continued; "Journal Chemistry," continued; "Proceedings of Nat. Historical Society," continued.
 Providence, Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Rhoades, B. H., 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, State of, 5 vols.
 Rogers' Memorial Fund, continued, 30 vols.
 Salem, Mass., Essex Inst., 8 pphs.
 St. Louis Public School Library, 1 vol, 1 pph.
 Seabury, T. M., "Watchman and Reflector," continued.
 Small, A. D., 3 vols.

- Smallwood, Mrs. J. B., 1 vol.
 Smith, Miss M. R. D., of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
 Stone, Rev. E. M., 1 vol.
 Terrill, Miss Mary B., 3 vols.
 Tiffany, Osmond, of Baltimore, 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 10 vols.
 Tweedy, Edmund, 2 vols.
 Ulman, C. L. A., 2 vols.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, "Religious Magazine," continued.
 United States Agricultural Dept., 1 vol.
 " " Engineer " 1 vol.
 " " Interior " 32 vols.
 " " Library of Congress, 1 vol.
 " " Navy Dept., 7 vols., 4 pphs.
 " " Patent Office, "Gazette" continued.
 " " State Department, 3 vols.
 " " Treasury Department, Coast Survey, 1 vol.
 " " War Department, 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Waters, Dr. W. E. of Ft. Leavenworth Elkhorn Indian bow, &c.
 Wilson, W. H., of N. Y., 1 vol.
 Winthrop, R. C., 2 vols., 1 pph.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 1 vol.
 X. Y. Z. \$275.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "SPECIAL SHARES" OF \$100.

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	Norman, Stephen H.
Anderson, Miss Rosalie Redwood	Parkman, George F.
Ashhurst, William H.	Parish, Daniel Jr.
Brooks, Charles T.	Powel, Samuel
Brooks, Sidney	Ray, Robert—2
Butler, Samuel W.	Rhodes, James T. (Estate)
Caldwell, Wm. S.	Russell, Charles H.
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Cozzeus, Wm. C.	Sampson, Joseph
Fearing, George R.	Sands, Austin L.
Foster, John	Sanford, Henry S.
Gibbs, George W.	Sears, David
Gibbs, Miss Sarah (Mrs. Thompson)	Sheffield, Wm. P.
Gibbs, Theodore K.	Sherman, Isaac
Hammett, George A.	Smith, Alfred
Hone, Robert S.	Taylor, Robert J. [Estate.]
Hoppin, Hamilton	Tompkins, Frederick
Kennedy, Robert L.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Ledyard, Henry	Tucker, William W.
McCurdy, Robert H.	Van Rensselaer, Alexander
Macy, Seth W.	Wales, George W.
Malcom, Charles H.	Wetmore, Miss Annie D.
Mason, Earl P.	Wetmore, Miss Edith K. M.
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Mathews, Nathan	Wetmore, Samuel
Morgan, Edwin D.	Wetmore, William Boerum
Norman, George H.	Willet, Edward M.

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT, UNLESS OWNING A "SPECIAL SHARE" IN ADDITION.

Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Anthony, Mary	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Atkinson, James	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Bailey, Joseph I.	2
Almy, Margarette G.	1	Bailey, Samuel C.	1

Barber, Charles P.	1	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Barker, Robert S.	2	Congdon, John C.	1
Barreda, Frederick L.	8	Congdon, Wm. P.	1
Berry, Robert P. [Estate]	2	Cook, George I. [Estate]	1
Beck, Henry Paul	1	Cornell, Richard	2
Birkhead, James [Estate]	1	Cornell, William	1
Bliss, Wm. H.	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Boit, Edward D.	4	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Bowen, George	1	Cozzens, George	1
Bowen, Stephen [Estate]	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Bowler, Wm.	1	Cozzens, John H.	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cozzens, Wm. C.	2
Bradford, Mrs. Rebecca M.	1	Cranston, Robert B. [Estate]	1
Breese, Thomas [Estate]	1	Dame, Jonathan [Estate]	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Deblois, John S.	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	D'Hauteville, Mrs. Susan W.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Dennis, John D.	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Dennistoun, George	1
Brooks, Sidney	3	Dumont, J. Ludlow	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Dunn, Theophilus C. [Estate]	1
Brown, John Carter	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Edgar, William	1
Brownell, Wm.	1	Eldred, John	4
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Ellery, Mary G. & Harriet C.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Engs, George	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Engs, John S.	1
Bush, John T.	2	Engs, Samuel	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Ennis, Caroline W.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Fay, Henry H.	1
Cahoone, Stephen	1	Field, John W.	1
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Calvert, George H.	1	Fludder, James	1
Campbell, George I.	1	Fludder, William	1
Carey, John	1	Foster, John	2
Caswell, John R.	1	Gibbes, R. M. [Estate]	3
Caswell, Philip	1	Gilpin, William	1
Chase, Gilbert	1	Goffe, Augustus	1
Chace, Sarah I.	1	Goffe, Emma	1
Child, Rev. Wm. S.	1	Gould, David J.	3
Church, First Baptist	1	Gould, Nathan H.	1
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Clarke, Harriet	1	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Clarke, William A.	5	Greene, Nathaniel	1
Coe, Adam S. [Estate]	1	Green, George W. [Estate]	1
Coggeshall, David M. [Estate]	1	Greene, John H.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Griswold, John N. A.	4
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Gyles, Charles [Estate]	1

Hall, George [Estate]	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. Wilbur)	1
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Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Littlefield, Augustus N.	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hammett, Robert W.	1	Lyon, Joseph [Estate]	1
Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Marsh, I. W. R. [Estate]	1
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Hazard, Benj. of T. G.	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
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Hazard, Henry B.	1	Melville, Benj. S.	1
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Hazard, George A.	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
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Hazard, Rowland R., Jr.	4	Newton, Abby E.	1
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Hazard, Thomas H.	1	Newton, Hannah C.	1
Hazard, Thos. R.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Higginson, Thomas W.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	2
Hoffman, Susan O.	2	Ogden, Edward [Estate]	2
Honey, Samuel R.	1	Paine, John	2
Hoppin, Hamilton	3	Parkman, George F.	3
Howland, Benjamin B.	1	Pearson, John [Estate]	1
Hunter, Charles	3	Peckham, Felix	1
Hunter, Rebecca E.	1	Peckham, Job A.	2
Hunter, Thomas R.	1	Peckham, John O. [Estate]	1
Ives, Robert H.	1	Peckham, Mary E.	1
Kane, Delancey	8	Peckham Thomas P.	1
Kennedy, Robert L.	3	Peckham, Wm. G., Jr.	1
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King, William H.	8	Pray, Harley W.	1
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Russell, Charles H.	4	Terrill, George	1
Russell, Harry	2	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
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Sanford, Wm. H.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. [Estate]	4
Seabury, Thomas M.	2	Torry, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
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Sherman, Edward A.	1	Turner, H. E.	1
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Spooner, W. H. D.	1	Vernon, William [Estate]	1
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Stevens, William [Estate]	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Stevens, William G.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Stewart, Anthony	1	Wilbour, John [Estate]	1
Stoddard, John C.	2	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Stout, Mrs. A. M.	1	Willard, E. W.	1
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Taylor, John J.	1	Wormeley, Miss K. P.	1
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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Librarian.*

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On Books.

CHARLES T. BROOKS,
FRANCIS BRINLEY,

CHARLES H. MALCOM,
DAVID KING.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
ROBERT H. IVES,

ROBERT M. MASON,
SETH W. MACY.

On Pictures and Statuary.

AUSTIN L. SANDS,
WILLIAM C. COZZENS,

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,
FREDERIC W. TILTON.

On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,

NATHAN H. GOULD,

HENRY H. FAY.

On Enlargement and Repairs.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL,
SIDNEY BROOKS,

JOHN T. BUSH,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,
GEORGE W. GIBBS.

On By-laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,

CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT,
WILLIAM GILPIN.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,

GEO. PEABODY WETMORE,
DANIEL PARISH, JR.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 30th, 1874.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1874.

At the hour appointed, MR. EDWARD KING, Vice-President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.
Atkinson, James
Bradford, Joseph
Brinley, Francis
Brooks, Charles T.
Bush, John T.
Butler, Samuel W.
Clarke, Thomas H.
Coddington, Charles B.
Cornell, William
Cottrell, Silas H.
Cozzens, George
Cozzens, William C.
Engs, Samuel

Fay, Henry H.
Gilpin, William
Gould, Nathan H.
Gould, Stephen
Hazard, James L.
Higginson, Thomas W.
Honey, Samuel R.
Hunter, Thomas R.
King, David
King, Edward
Ledyard, Lewis Cass
Lyon, Joseph M.
Macy, Seth W.
Malcom, Charles H.

Mason, George C.	Stanton, Robert H.
Norman, Stephen H.	Stevens, David
Paine, John	Terrill, George
Parish, Daniel Jr.	Tilton, Frederic W.
Peckham, Felix	Tompkins, Frederick
Peckham, Thomas P.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Pray, Harley W.	Turner, Henry E.
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	Turner, Henry E. Jr.
Sherman, Robert	VanZandt, Charles C.
Southwick, J. M. K.	Ward, A. Judson
Staigg, Richard M.	Ward, Henry N.

Wilson, George H.

and one hundred and nine (109) proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Mrs. Mary Ann T. Berry,	Edward W. Peckham,
Thomas H. Clarke,	Henry S. Peckham,
Charles B. Coddington,	Charles Potter,
Josiah P. Cooke,	Anthony S. Sherman,
Miss E. S. Dumont,	James M. K. Southwick,
Jere. W. Horton,	George B. Weaver.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library was presented by Mr. Stephen Gould and accepted.

The Treasurer being absent, his Report was read by the Secretary, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected by ballot for the ensuing year :

President—EDWARD KING.

Vice President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Directors :

Charles H. Russell,	Seth W. Macy,
Sidney Brooks,	William Gilpin,
Augustus N. Littlefield,	Geo. Peabody Wetmore,
John T. Bush,	Austin L. Sands,
Henry E. Turner,	William H. Ashhurst,
William P. Sheffield,	William C. Cozzens,
Charles T. Brooks,	Samuel W. Butler,
Charles H. Malcom,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Nathan H. Gould,	Daniel Parish, Jr.
Charles C. Van Zandt,	Robert M. Mason,
William A. Clarke,	Robert H. Ives,
George W. Gibbs,	David King.

Henry H. Fay.

Treasurer—THOMAS P. PECKHAM.

Secretary — BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1875.

The following resolution offered by Col. Thomas W. Higginson was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized to prepare and present at the next annual meeting a plan for the re-

duction of the number of the Board ; and that they be authorized to take such legal advice and to obtain such permissive legislation as may be necessary for that purpose.

Messrs. Henry H. Fay, Stephen Gould, and Francis Brinley, were chosen a Committee to examine the Books.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

Voted, That the ballots be destroyed by the Secretary at the adjournment of this meeting.

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1874.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, beg leave to present their Report for the year ending September 30th, 1874.

The Directors have the satisfaction to state, that there has not been any diminution of the material prosperity of the institution during the past year. The Library continues to be an attractive resort, not only to strangers temporarily in the city, but to the permanent residents of Newport.

The list of donations attests to the existence of a general desire to increase the usefulness of the institution ; while the exact management of its pecuniary affairs insures its developement and stability.

The following statement will show the items of receipts and disbursements for the year ending September 14, 1874 :

RECEIPTS.

Taxes rec'd from shareholders and temporary subs.,	\$1,422 50
Fines, &c.,	53 98
Sales of Two Special Shares (less \$25. shares ret'd.)	150 00
Rent of Clarke Estate,	1,003 87
Gift from "XYZ,"	300 00
Interest for the Robert Rogers Book Fund,	65 62
Interest for the Wm. Sanford Rogers Book Fund,	299 98
Interest for the George G. King	76 26
Interest for the Special Share Fund	342 48
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	\$3,714 69
Balance on hand Sept. 24th, 1873, -	765 47
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	\$4,480 16

EXPENDITURES.

Books, Periodicals and Newspapers, - - -	\$939 59
Binding and Printing, - - - -	187 45
Salaries, Librarian and Assistant, - - -	1,377 00
Incidental Expenses, - - - -	600 98
Repairs, Comms. &c., (Clarke Estate) - - -	150 69
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	\$3,255 71
Balance on hand Sept. 14th, 1874, - - -	355 73
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	\$3,611 44

Fire Insurance on Library Building,	\$11,500 00
“ “ “ “ Books,	21,000 00
“ “ “ Statuary and Pictures,	6,000 00
“ “ “ Furniture & Fixtures,	1,000 00
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	\$39,500 00

The most important topic which the Directors have been obliged to consider, during the past year, was the enlargement of the present edifice. On investigating the history of this question during the last decade, we find the following language in the Annual Report of 1867: “at one time our edifice afforded ample accommodations for our various uses ; at other times it has been, as it is now, inconveniently crowded.” This statement, together with a growing conviction that the interests of the Institution were imperiled by reason of its inadequate accommodations, probably, induced the Directors at their meeting of November 11th, 1867, to pass a vote, “that the Committee on Enlargement of the Library be requested to present some plan for the building of a Hall, or Picture Gallery, together with an estimate of the probable expense ; either of Brick or Stone.”

The Committee reported progress from time to time, and finally, at a meeting of the Directors held on the 14th of September, 1868, they reported, that they had “given much time and careful

consideration to the subject, not only as regarded the necessity of providing for the immediate wants by a new building to be connected with the present edifice, but to the probable necessity of enlarged and greatly improved accommodations for this popular Institution, in future times."

The Committee recommended the construction of an "Initiatory Building," to be followed "by successive additions, to be proceeded with as the means of the Company, and its ability to so appropriate them are increased, until an entirely new and enlarged structure of stone and marble shall take the place of the existing wooden erections."

It was then voted that the Report be referred to a special meeting of the Directors to be holden on the 28th day of the month. At that meeting it was "*Resolved*, That the plans reported by Mr. Charles H. Russell, in behalf of the Committee on Enlargement at the last meeting, which have been prepared by Mr. R. M. Hunt, Architect, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted. *Resolved*, That the preceding Resolution of the approval and adoption of said plans be referred to the meeting of stockholders at the annual meeting of the 30th inst., for confirmation."

At that annual meeting, the following Resolutions were adopted :

"*Resolved*, That this Corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, Architect, for proposed improvements of the Library (as presented by the Board of Directors) and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds by subscription or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation as may be necessary."

Passing on to the Annual Report of the Directors for the year 1869, we quote, as follows, from that document. They say "at the last annual meeting, the corporation having approved the plans presented by the Board for the proposed improvements to the Library, authorized the Directors to proceed in their discretion to erect such portions thereof as they might deem expedient, and for this purpose they were empowered to raise the necessary funds by subscription or loan, and mortgage the real estate of the Corporation as might be required."

Under this authority a Committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and the Librarian, one of its members, was requested to present a circular, stating the object in view, to the friends of the Institution in Newport and elsewhere, and ask their aid in carrying it into effect. The effort was unsuccessful:—no subscriptions were obtained out of Newport. That plan of raising the funds required, having failed, the only alternative was to mortgage the real estate of the Company; but after serious deliberations, the Directors did not deem it prudent to do so, as they could see no way of paying the interest on the debt to be incurred without raising our ordinary revenues. "These" (to use the language of the Committee) "are barely sufficient to provide for the current expenses, and gradual increase of the Library, and if they were otherwise applied we could not meet our necessary expenditures. With great reluctance we therefore determined to abandon for the present the project of enlargement."

In this discouraging state of affairs, on the 3d of December, 1869, George W. Gibbs, Esq., came forward with the generous proposal to give \$10,000 towards an enlargement of the building, if an equal amount could be obtained from friends of the Library; the offer to stand good for one year; he subsequently freely consented that the time should be extended to the annual meeting September 27th, 1871.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 8th of January, 1872, the Committee to whom had been assigned the duty of obtaining

subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000 in addition to the conditional subscription offered by Mr. George W. Gibbs of \$10,000, reported that they had obtained the required amount, as would appear by the list of names of contributors appended to their report, with the amount of their several subscriptions.

At a meeting of the Directors February 12th, 1872, it was "*Resolved*, That the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs, be authorized to proceed with all suitable dispatch in erecting the addition proposed and adopted by the stockholders in 1868, with such improvements and alterations as may be recommended by the architect and approved by this Board at their next meeting."

Nothing of importance in regard to the Enlargement is recorded, until the meeting of the Directors of June 10th, 1872, at which time the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs presented a plan for building, which, after some discussion, was referred to a special meeting to be called by the President.

At a meeting of the Directors, July 8th, 1872, the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs presented their Report, which is printed in the Annual Report of 1872. The Committee state that "the failure to carry out the suggestions for an addition, as contemplated in 1868, has given time and opportunity to reconsider the subject, with the possession of larger means now at the command of the Library Company, and to consult what appears to be the prevailing views, not only of the Contributors of these means, but of other friends of the Library, viz., that any new erection should harmonize and be in accord with the architectural design of the existing edifice." The Committee therefore presented, "suggestions of a design, quite different from that of 1868, and more simple." The enhanced price of materials and of labor, induced the Committee to ask the Board of Directors, to decide on these two points; *first*, of removing the Clarke House, and second, of fixing on the locality of the new structure as here proposed; they are not prepared, for the reasons given, to recommend the immediate commencement of

the contemplated work beyond the preparatory removal of the "Clarke House" during the ensuing autumn.

In consequence of the conflict of opinions as to the character of the proposed enlargement, the writer of this Report, after consulting with friends of the Library, prepared the following Resolutions, which were adopted by the Directors, at the meeting of July 8th, 1872. "*Whereas*, at the annual meeting of the company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 30th, 1868, the following Resolutions were read and adopted, to wit—

"*Resolved*, that this corporation approve the plans drawn by Mr. R. M. Hunt, architect, for proposed improvements of the Library, as presented to the Board of Directors, and referred to this meeting.

Resolved, that the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to proceed, in their discretion, to erect such portions of said improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That for the purpose of this enlargement of the Library Building, the Board of Directors are authorized to raise the necessary funds, by subscription, or by loan, and to execute such bond or mortgage on the real estate of the corporation, as may be necessary."

And Whereas, The difficulty of satisfactorily effecting a loan, and other causes, have prevented any action by the Directors, as contemplated by said Resolutions, and inasmuch as the fiscal condition, and pecuniary resources of the corporation have very largely improved during the past year, now, therefore,

It is Resolved, By the Board of Directors, that the subject be referred back to the next annual meeting of the corporation in September, and that notice thereof be given in the call for said meeting, to consider the expediency of repealing the Resolutions of September 30, 1868, and taking such other action, in regard to an enlargement of the Library Building, as the corporation shall deem best."

When the subject was considered at the annual meeting of September 25, 1872, it was urged by a prominent director that the report of the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs was irregular, and the following resolutions proposed by him were adopted:

“Resolved, That the Redwood Library Company do re-affirm their action had in 1868, in relation to the plans for the enlargement of the Library Building.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby empowered to proceed to erect so much of the improvements to the Library Building, in conformity to the plans of Mr. Richard M. Hunt, as can be accomplished for a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.”

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on the 1st of October, 1872, it was voted “that the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs be, and are hereby instructed to procure specifications and estimates for the additional building agreeably to the plan adopted at the last meeting of the Company, and report the same to the Board as soon as possible.”

The Committee made a report to the Board of Directors at their meeting of May 12th, 1873. They state that they had the working plan prepared, and invited estimates of the cost agreeably to the specifications. Two estimates only were presented—one being \$31,500—the other \$28,900.

The Architect was consulted as to the feasibility of modifying the plan, so as to bring the cost within the amount the Directors were at liberty to expend. In his reply, he suggested changes which he thought would reduce the cost to \$20,000. This communication was referred to the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs. At a meeting of the Board of Directors August 11th, 1873, that Committee, after stating the character of the proposed alterations, expressed the opinion that “this building, even modified as recommended by the Architect, will cost more than the sum to the credit of the Building Fund. In that event,

(they add) we have no means of providing for the deficiency. Apart from the interest of the funds pledged for specific purposes, our income is entirely absorbed by the expense of management and the purchase of a few books of current interest. In our view, therefore, of the foregoing considerations, the high price of labor and material, the uncertainty of the labor-market, and the inadequacy of the funds applicable to the completion of the proposed additions agreeably to the plans and specifications heretofore furnished by the Architect, the Committee recommend that no further action be taken towards its erection at present." The Board of Directors concurred in these carefully considered opinions of the Committee.

At the annual meeting of the Company September 24, 1873, it was

"Resolved, That the resolution passed at the annual meeting on September 30, 1868, authorizing the Directors to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the Library Building by loan, and to execute such bond and mortgage on the real estate of the Corporation as may be necessary is hereby repealed."

At the same meeting, the following preamble and resolutions were submitted by Mr. Francis Brinley, and adopted—

"WHEREAS, by recent liberal donations to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the means for increased accommodation for the Library and works of Art are largely augmented since the subject was agitated in the year 1867, and *Whereas*, there have been and are differences of opinion in regard to the reports and plans which have been submitted or suggested by the several Committees to whom the subject has been heretofore referred, therefore

Resolved, That all Votes and Resolutions, which have been passed and adopted since the year 1867, in reference to the question, or mode of enlargement of the present edifice, and the protest offered and hastily adopted at the last annual meeting against the then 'Committee of Enlargement,' be, and they are hereby repealed, rescinded, and made void.

Resolved, That the whole subject of enlargement be, and it hereby is, referred to the Board of Directors."

On the 13th of July, 1874, there was a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which the following Resolve was passed: "Resolved, that the Report of the Building Committee made to the Board of Directors, July 5th, 1872, be committed to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, A. N. Littlefield and W. C. Cozzens, with direction to procure a detailed plan for an addition to the Library Building, with estimates of the cost of such addition and to report the same to the Board as soon as may be practicable." It was also voted, "that a Special Committee be appointed to estimate the value of the 'Clarke House,' belonging to the Library, and the value of the furniture therein, and at what price the said house and furniture can be sold." At a subsequent and special meeting of the Board of Directors, on the 28th of July, 1874, the Special Committee on enlargement reported "that their views were the same as those presented and printed in the Annual Report of 1872, which they again reported, excepting the fourth paragraph," and they presented plans prepared by Mr. George C. Mason for the enlargement of the Library Building. The Report was accepted and referred to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. That meeting took place on the 10th of August, 1874, when the committee to estimate the value of the "Clarke House" "and furniture," reported the value of the "Clarke House" to be \$600; or possibly \$700 to \$800; and the value of the furniture, as appraised by a competent person, \$474,40.

The subject of Enlargement was then discussed, and the following Resolution adopted:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs, are hereby authorized and directed to proceed immediately to sell the 'Clarke House,' to be at once removed, and the furniture therein, and to contract for a fire-proof structure in connection with the present edifice, substantially according to the

plans and estimates of George C. Mason, Esq., who shall be employed as Architect; provided that the expense shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars."

By virtue of the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Special Committee advertised the furniture in the "Clarke house" for sale at public auction; but so few persons were present on the day proposed for the sale, that proceedings were stayed.—On the following day, an attempt was made for the public sale of the "Clarke House;" the weather being unfavorable, but very few persons were present, and the property was withdrawn. In consequence of these untoward circumstances, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was called for August 25th, 1874. The Committee orally reported, and after some discussion, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," be instructed to sell the "Clarke House" for the most it will bring, to be removed by the purchaser."

After unavailing efforts to dispose of the "Clarke House" at private sale, it was put up at public auction, and brought the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars.

It should be understood that it was originally but of two stories in height, and built of heavy materials. Some years ago it was raised and made to rest on a structure or first story, of much lighter materials. This arrangement of the old and new parts of the building, made any attempt to remove it difficult, expensive and even hazardous, for it could not be done, it being wider than Redwood-street, unless divided into two or more parts, and this cutting-up process would weaken each portion and render it extremely doubtful if either would hold together while being removed. No one appeared to be willing to undertake it.

Then again it was not easy to obtain land within a reasonable distance and at a moderate cost, to which these fragments could be safely transferred and thus re-united. These, and other considerations—some suggested by the locality, and others such as

must always arise in connexion with the proposed removal or taking down of an old dwelling house—prevented competition at the sale, and the fact that not a step could be taken towards the enlargement of the Library Building, to say nothing of the impatience of subscribers to the fund for enlargement, must reconcile us to receive, what, at first blush, appears to be an inconsiderable sum for a very considerable house ; no better terms could be obtained. The “Clarke House” is no more ; and it is to be hoped that the purchasers will not be losers by its demolition.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, held on the 14th of September current, the Committee on Enlargement presented a letter from George C. Mason, Esq., architect, as their Report, and which is as follows :

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 10, 1874.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL, Esq.,

Chairman Building Com. Red. Lib. & Ath.

SIR:—I have to report as follows in regard to the proposed enlargement of the Library Building. At the present writing I have bids from a responsible party, Perry G. Case & Co., as follows : “ Building to be completed as per plans and specifications. Material on the west front and west end above the present roof, to be of Nova Scotia olive dressed stone ; the south and east fronts to be hard North River brick. The whole work of construction to cost \$25,000.—Or, the building completed as above, the north front and south front, also so much of the west front as appears above the roof of the old part, to be of Nova Scotia dressed stone, and the east end to be of hard North River brick ; to cost \$29,400.”

The above bids embrace all the work of construction and the connection with the present building, and covers work of every description, (book shelves, grading, and fencing excepted.)

It has been suggested that it would be well to put in the foundation this Autumn and resume work in the Spring. To do this the walls should be built up to the top of the water-table, and

the floor timbers and under floors should be put down. The whole should then be roofed in for the winter, in a manner that will protect the walls.

The whole cost, of putting in the foundation and roofing it in, would be \$3,878,00, which sum would be deducted from the gross amount charged for the whole building.

The above bids are based upon the present price of materials. Bricks can now be bought at a lower figure than in the Spring, and if the walls of the building are to be commenced in the Spring, the bricks should be purchased and piled on the lot this autumn.

Very Respectfully,
GEO. C. MASON, *Architect.*

N. B. Under instructions from the Building Committee I made an effort to dispose of the Clarke House. Parties, who respectively offered \$400 and \$500 for the house as it stood, (without the furniture,) provided they could contract for the removal of the house on satisfactory terms, subsequently withdrew their offers for the reason that no satisfactory arrangement could be made for its removal.

Failing to get a substantial offer of any kind for the building, it was again advertised and was sold by auction to the highest bidder for the sum of \$115, to be taken down and removed within two weeks from Wednesday the 9th instant. The sale includes every thing above the foundation.

Subsequently a contract was made with Wm. Riggs to remove all the furniture, store it, and again move it to the Academy of Music, for the sum of \$50. When moved to the Academy of Music in October, it will be sold by auction to the highest bidder.

Respectfully,
GEO. C. MASON.

After the communication of Mr. Mason had been read, the following Resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library Building be authorized, at their discretion, to limit the contemplated work of

its enlargement the present autumn to the foundation walls, as now recommended by Mr. Mason, the architect, and to proceed in the Spring to carry on to completion the work according to his plans as last approved by the Board.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized on the requisition of the "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs," to pay from time to time such sums of money as may be required by the said Committee for all the proposed work, and for such purposes to withdraw from the Rhode-Island Hospital Trust Company the Building Fund placed on deposit there, to the extent of the amount that shall be to the credit of this Company.

Resolved, That when contracts shall have been entered into for the proposed enlargement of the Library Building, the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of this Company.

From this review of the proceedings of the Company and its Board of Directors, two conclusions may be deduced ; one, that for years the necessity of an addition to the present structure has been conceded ; the other, that all plans for the enlargement of the building should be subordinate to the deep-rooted popular feeling, that no project should be favored which would mar the beauty and architectural symmetry of an edifice, which had been consecrated by the presence and studies of the gifted and wise of past generations. In deference to this universal and creditable sentiment, in which the Directors participated, they determined not to recommend a plan which contemplated the erection of an "Initiatory Building," to be followed by additions as circumstances would permit, but to advise the adoption of one more simple and economical. Conscious of the importance and delicacy of the duty confided to them, and anxious to reconcile all honest differences of opinion, they proceeded cautiously and deliberately, looking forward with a confident but circumspect hope, that their action would result in the more complete security of the Library, and its steady advance in usefulness and value.

On the 25th of the current September, the Committee reported as follows :

REDWOOD LIBRARY, }
25th, September, 1874. }

The "Committee on Enlargement and Repairs" take leave to report to the Directors—

That in conformity with the several Resolutions of the Board passed at their late meetings in July, August, and September 14th, they have authorized a contract to be entered into in behalf of this Company with responsible parties for the erection of a new building in enlargement of the Library Edifice, according to the drawings and specifications made by George C. Mason, Architect.

By the written articles of agreement (which are presented with the specifications as a part of this Report,) it will be seen that the new addition is to be well and sufficiently erected and finished on or before the 1st of Dec., 1875, and for the appropriated sum of \$25,000.

For Book Shelving, Furniture, Fencing, Grading, and Architect's commissions, such further action will doubtless be taken by the Board as will be hereafter necessary, and the requisite appropriations made therefor.

(Signed,)

C. H. RUSSELL,
SIDNEY BROOKS,
JOHN T. BUSH. } Committee.

Contract for the Enlargement.

Articles of Agreement made this eighteenth day of September, A. D., 1874, between the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, of Newport, R. I., of the first part, and Perry G. Case, Frederick A. Allan and Isaac R. Spooner, builders, doing business under the firm name of Perry G. Case & Co., all of said Newport, of the second part, witnesseth, That said parties of the second part for themselves, their heirs, ex-

ecutors and administrators, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the first part, that they, the said parties of the second part, their executors and administrators, shall and will, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, on or before the first day of December, 1875, well and sufficiently erect and finish the new building designed for an enlargement of the present Library Building of said Redwood Library and Athenæum, agreeably to drawings and specifications made by George C. Mason, Architect, within the time aforesaid, in a good, workmanlike and substantial manner, to the satisfaction and under the direction of the said George C. Mason, and also shall and will find and provide such good, proper and sufficient materials of all kinds whatsoever as shall be proper and sufficient for completing and finishing all the Mason's, Plasterer's, Carpenter's, Painter's and other works of the said building mentioned in the specifications, for the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars.

And the said parties of the first part do hereby covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the second part, their executors and administrators, that they, the said parties of the first part, shall and will, in consideration of the covenants and agreements being strictly performed and kept by the said parties of the second part as specified, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said parties of the second part, their executors, administrators or assigns, the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, in manner following:—\$3,878 when the foundation is finished, including water-table, floor timbers and underfloor, and roofing it all in for the winter:—

\$2,357,50 when a certificate is presented, signed by the parties who furnished the brick, that the contractors have piled upon the land of said Library, 230,000 Haverstraw hard brick:—

\$5,000—When the walls on all sides of the new building have reached to the height of tops of belting course on the north front:—

\$5,000—when the walls are completed.—

\$3,000—when the roof is slated, flat tinned and cresting is on.

\$5,764,50—when the whole work is completed. Provided that in each of the said cases a certificate be obtained and signed by Geo. C. Mason that the work has been properly done, and that the contractors are entitled to the payment claimed.

And it is further agreed by and between the said parties ; *First*, the parties of the second part are to put in the foundation and complete it on or before the fifteenth day of December, 1874. The foundation is to include the water table on all sides, the cellars on the north and south fronts, the piers in the cellar, the floor timbers, the under floor, and the roofing in and covering in the whole so as to turn off the water, and keep out frost. The side walls above the ground-level to be protected with seaweed during the winter.

Second.—The parties of the first part shall have the right, should they elect, to substitute Nova Scotia dressed stone for the South front in place of brick, at a cost not to exceed \$4,400, in addition to the amount of the within contract ; and the parties of the second part hereby agree to substitute Nova Scotia dressed stone for the said South front, in place of brick, for the consideration of a further sum of \$4,400, in addition to the amount of their contract, provided that notice be given said parties of the second part within six months from the time of signing this contract, that they will be required to make the above substitution.

Third.—The specifications and drawings are intended to cooperate, so that any work exhibited in the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications, or *vice versa*, are to be executed the same as if they were mentioned in the drawings and set forth in the specifications, to the true meaning and intention of the said drawings and specifications, without any extra charge.

Fourth.—The contractors at their own cost are to provide all manner of materials and labor for the several works.

Fifth.—Should the parties of the first part request any alteration, deviation, additions or omissions from the said contract, they shall be at liberty to do so, and the same shall in no way affect or make void the contract, but will be added to or deducted from the amount of the contract, as the case may be, by a fair and reasonable valuation.

Sixth.—Should any dispute arise respecting the true construction or meaning of the drawings or specifications, the same shall be decided by Geo. C. Mason, and his decision shall be final and conclusive; but should any dispute arise respecting the true value of the extra work, or of the work omitted, the same shall be valued by two competent persons, one employed by the parties of the first part, and the other by the parties of the second part—and these two shall have power to name an umpire, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

Seventh.—The parties of the first part shall not in any manner be answerable or accountable for any loss or damage that shall or may happen to the said works, or any part or parts thereof respectively, or for any of the materials used and employed in finishing and completing the same, loss or damage by fire excepted.

Eighth.—On the first of April, 1875, work suspended during the winter is to be resumed on the walls of said building, and from that date forward they are to be carried up without interruption to the required height.

In witness whereof, we Richard Cornell, Treasurer of said Redwood Library and Athenæum, of the first part, and Perry G. Case & Co., of the second part, have hereunto set our hands and seals at Newport, on the day and year first before written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

GEO. C. MASON,
as to P. G. CASE & Co.

P. G. CASE & CO. [SEAL.]

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, RICHARD CORNELL, *Treas.*
as to RICHARD CORNELL, *Treas.* [SEAL.]

The advantages which our collection offers to those of antiquarian tastes, who have occasion to consult comparatively rare or expensive books, as well as to those in pursuit of the periodical or lighter literature of the day, are recognized and appreciated. When adequate arrangements shall have been made for the preservation of the Library, without doubt, many a valuable and forgotten volume will spring to light from dusty obscurity, and find its way to the safe and quiet alcoves of the Redwood Library.

The condition and classification of the Books, and the disposition of the works of art, under the supervision of our faithful and conscientious Librarian, are as satisfactory as our limited accommodations will permit. The sooner they are increased, the more assured will be the permanent success of this venerable organization.

At the date of the last Report the whole number of books in the Library was	19,631
Added since by Purchase,	347
“ “ “ Donation,	620
“ “ “ Binding Periodicals,	36

Making the whole number on hand, Sept. 1, 1874, 20,634

Two hundred and fifty three pamphlets, including magazines and reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

The Record of books circulated, as stated by the Librarian, is for the year ending Sept. 1, 1874, 11,011.

It appears by the above statement that the liberal friends of the Library, (the names of all of whom will appear in the appendix,) continue to lay us under obligation for their contributions of Books. We ought especially to mention the heirs of the late Gov. William C. Gibbs, our members of Congress, the Boston Athenæum, the Hon. William Hunter, 2d Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, and the unknown “XYZ,” whose repeated donations of money towards the current expenses of the Library appear in the Report of the Treasurer.

The Charter

of 1747, especially as modified by the General Assembly in 1856, is susceptible of improvement; especially as the amended Charter embraces "Articles" which should be a portion of the By-Laws, and thereby subject to alteration by the shareholders from time to time as circumstances might suggest, and not an inflexible part of our Organic Law. The inconvenience of being hampered by the unavoidable adherence to Charter obligation, in matters of expediency and not of vital principle, has been frequently experienced during the past few years.—For instance the Charter prohibits the Directors from remitting any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company, and we were obliged to refuse any lenity to those share-holders who by accident or misfortune were delinquent as to the annual tax.

The Board of Directors,

in the opinion of many thoughtful friends of the Library, is too numerous for harmonious and efficient action; for when there are many minds, there are opposing opinions. So where duty is divided among many, personal interest and responsibility will be unfelt or disregarded. It not unfrequently has happened, that the regular monthly meetings of the Directors, adjourned for want of a quorum; a fact indicating that a smaller number of Directors would probably insure attendance.

Proxy Votes.

The existing legal rights of voting by proxy, is not free from objection. It may well exist in Corporations created for business purposes requiring united capital, and for which individual wealth is inadequate. But in a society of a *quasi* literary character, like our own, and where pecuniary gain is not contemplated, it is not unreasonable to maintain that the right to vote should be limited to the share-holders who are personally present at any meeting of the Company. Absentees must, generally speaking, be considered as very indifferent to the purposes and proceedings of the Company.

Fines.

The exaction of a small *per diem* penalty, for detaining Books from the Library beyond a prescribed time, is a practical benefit. The rule was not established with a view to any pecuniary advantage which might flow from its enforcement, but to secure prompt return of volumes by those who took them out, and thus more speedily and widely diffuse and circulate the literary treasures of the Institution.

Annual Tax.

Whether it is expedient to reduce the annual tax on shares, the Directors do not undertake to decide. They most assuredly desire that it should not exceed, in the aggregate, a sum sufficient to meet the expenses incident to a judicious and economical administration of the affairs of the Company. What the annual tax shall be, the Directors submit to the wisdom of the shareholders.

During the past year, the Society has sustained a great loss by the death of John Carter Brown, Esq., one of its most valued Directors, who uniformly entertained and manifested a sincere and liberal interest in the prosperity of the Library, especially as testified by the most generous bequest of \$5,000 in his Last Will and Testament. Appropriate Resolutions were passed by the Directors on the announcement of his lamented death, which are hereto appended.

Finances.

Under the management of an accurate and pains-taking Treasurer, aided by careful Committees, the fiscal affairs of the company have been safely and judiciously protected and managed. So that, it may be truly said, the Redwood Library which is closely associated with the history of Newport, and now constitutes one of its peculiar attractions, was never in a more promising and prosperous condition than the Board of Directors have the great satisfaction of representing it, in this their Annual Report.

Newport, September 30th, 1874.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
For the Directors.

Obituary Resolutions.

The following Resolutions, presented by the Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, July 13, 1874 :

“FORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of our deceased brother” JOHN CARTER BROWN, it is

Resolved, That although his years of physical and mental vigor were prolonged beyond the Scriptural limit of efficient human life, his death is keenly lamented by the Members and the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, who will hereafter miss the dignified presence and sage judgment of him, who for years had been a most faithful coadjutor in the management of this cherished and ancient Institution.

Resolved, That we recognize in the serene career of our departed friend, the union of the exactness of a successful man of affairs, with the refined taste and wide culture of an unpretending student, whose appreciation of the charms and importance of liberal learning, was signalized by the laborious accumulation of a Library of unsurpassed completeness in regard to the history of the American Continent ; by his filial contributions to the resources of his *Alma Mater*, the distinguished University which bears his honored family-name, and by the frequent supplies of numerous costly and rare volumes to the attractions of this organization, of which he was a sincere friend and influential member, and whose merit we shall ever hold in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, as an imperfect expression of our sympathy in their bereavement.

APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$ 10,000	John Foster,	100
George Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Henry S. Fearing,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	Frederick Sheldon,	100
Edward King,	500	J. Winthrop Chanler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm. A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A friend to the Library,	100	Wm. Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer,	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
Total,			<u>\$20,025 00</u>

The following is a List of all the Gifts to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

- Anthony, Hon. H. B., Patent Office Official Gazette, continued.
 Baird, Spencer H., 1 vol.
 Balch, Thomas, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Barker, Robert S., 3 vols : and Plan of New-York City, 1789.
 Boston, Public Library, Bulletins continued & Annual Report, 1 pph.
 Botta, Mrs. V., 1 vol.
 Bottomore, Mrs. Estate of, Portrait of the late Mr. Corné.
 Brinley, Hon. F., 3 vols., 36 pphs.
 Brooks, Rev. C. T., 57 vols., 3 pphs.
 Brown, John Carter, 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Bull, Dr. W. T., 1 pph.
 Calvert, G. H., Pop. Sci. Monthly, Publishers' Weekly, Academy, Phrenological Journal continued, 3 vols.
 Cambridge, Harvard College, 1 pph.
 Childs, George W., 1 pph.
 Coit, B. W., 4 vols., 2 pphs.
 Cook, Miss Sarah, 1 vol, 9 pphs.
 Cooke, Prof. J. P., 2 vols.
 Coxé, Brinton, Philadelphia Ledger, continued, 1 vol.
 Crocker, Aug., 1 vol, 14 pphs.
 Everett, Sidney, 20 vols, 30 pphs.
 Edgar, Wm., 1 vol.
 Engs, Dr. George, 1 vol.
 Ferrette, Bishop, 3 vols.
 Gammell, Prof. William, 2 pphs.
 Gibbs, heirs of Gov. Wm. C., 400 vols.
 Gould, Nathan H., 1 vol.
 Greene, Mrs. B. D , 1 vol.
 Greenough, Richard, 3 vols.
 Higginson, Col. T. W., Journal of Speculative Philosophy, and Woman's Journal, continued—23 vols.
 Harrison, Capt. A. M., Chart Narragansett Bay.
 Hazard, Miss E., 1 vol.
 Honey, Samuel R., 1 vol. and 4 papers continued.
 Hunter, Hon. William, 1 vol.
 Kingman, Bradford, 1 vol.

- Lawrence, Mass. Free Pub. Library, 1 vol.
 Lawrence, Gov. Wm. B., 1 vol.
 Lake, William D., Nos. of Newport Mercury 1794.
 Ledyard, Henry, 2 vols.
 Lippitt, Col. F. J., 4 vols.
 Mauran, James E., 2 vols.
 Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
 Newport, City Doc. 1874-5, 1 vol.
 New-Bedford, City, 1 pph.
 Perry, Mrs C. G., 1 vol.
 Powel, Hon. S., 1 vol, 24 pphs, 3 Periodicals continued.
 Providence, R. I., Brown University, 2 pphs.
 Providence, City, 1 vol.
 Quincy, Mass., 2 pphs.
 Rhode-Island, State of, 2 vols. 3 pphs.
 Salem, Mass. Essex Institute, 12 pphs.
 Salem, Mass., North Church and Society, 1 vol.
 Seventh Day Adventists, 1 vol.
 Sheffield, Hon. Wm P., 50 pphs.
 Sherman, Maj. W. C. H., 10 bronze Medals, Head-Quar. Washington.
 Stearns, Dr. C. W., 1 vol.
 Stevens, John A., 1 vol.
 Terrill, Miss Mary, 4 vols.
 Thayer, Rev. Dr. T., 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 3 vols.
 United States, Education Bureau, 1 vol, 1 pph.
 " Engineer Departm't. 1 pph.
 " Interior " 60 vols.
 " War " 1 vol.
 " Naval Observatory, 1 vol.
 Ulman, C. A., 3 vols.
 Whipple, H. E., 1 vol.
 Whitall, Mary C., 1 vol.
 Wisconsin, Public Library, 2 vols.
 " X Y Z," \$ 300.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1ST. OWNERS OF "SPECIAL SHARES" OF \$100.

"Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the Corporation."

Anderson, Miss Martha M.	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
Anderson, Miss R. Redwood	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Ashhurst, William H.	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Brooks, Charles T.	1	Powel, Samuel	1
Brooks, Sidney	1	Ray, Robert	2
Butler, Samuel W.	1	Rhodes, James T. (Estate)	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Sands, Austin L	1
Cozzens, William C.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Foster, John	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Sherman, Isaac (of N. Y.)	1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs Thompson)	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Hammett George A.	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wales, George W.	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, A. D. (Mrs.	
Malcom, Charles H.	1	W. W. Sherman)	1
Mason, Earl P.	1	Wetmore, Miss Edith K.	1
Mason, Robert M.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Matthews, Nathan	1	Wetmore Samuel	1
Morgan, Edwin D.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Norman, George H.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1

2D. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Ailman, Benjamin H.	1	Campbell, George J.	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Carey, John	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Caswell, John R.	1
Almy, Margarete	1	Chase, Gilbert	1
Atkinson, James	1	Child, William S.	1
Bailey, Joseph I.	2	Church, Unitarian	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Clarke, Harriet	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Clarke, Thomas H.	2
Barker, Robert S.	2	Clarke, William A.	4
Barreda, F. L.	8	Coddington, Charles B.	1
Beck, Henry Paul (Estate)	1	Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1
Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2	Coggeshall, John S.	1
Bliss, William H.	1	Coggeshall, Thomas,	1
Boit, Edward D.	4	Coit, Benjamin W.	1
Bowen, George	1	Congdon, John C.	1
Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1	Congdon, William P.	1
Bowler, William T.	1	Cook, George I. (Estate)	1
Bradford, Joseph	1	Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1
Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1	Cornell, William	1
Brinley, Edward H.	1	Cottrell, Michael	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Cottrell, Silas H.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Cozzens, George	2
Bronson, Arthur	1	Cozzens, Henry W.	1
Brooks, Sidney	6	Cozzens, John H.	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Cozzens, William C.	2
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Deblois, John S.	1
Brown, Samuel	1	D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W.	1
Brownell, William	1	Dennis, John D.	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Denniston, George Jr.	1
Bull, Henry	1	Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Dunn, Thomas	1
Bush, John T.	2	Edgar, William	1
Butler, Samuel W.	2	Ellery, Mary G. & H. C.	1
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Engs, George	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Engs, John S.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Engs, Samuel	1

Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Horton, Jere. W.	1
Fay, Henry H.	2	Howland, Benjamin B.	1
Field, John W.	1	Hunter, Charles (Estate)	2
Finch, Benjamin	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Fludder, James	5	Hunter, Thomas R.	1
Fludder, William	1	Ives, Robert H.	4
Foster, John	2	Kane, Delancey (Estate)	8
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)	4	Kennedy, Robert Lenox	3
Gilpin, William	1	King, Caroline	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	King, David	5
Goffe, Emma	1	King, Edward	5
Gould, David J.	3	King, George G.	1
Gould, Nathan H.	1	King, William	7
Gould, Stephen	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Gray, Louisa F.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Green, George W. (Estate)	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	1
Greene, John H.	1	Lawrence, William B.	9
Greene, Nathaniel	1	Lawton, Charles E.	1
Griswold, J. N. A.	4	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Gyles, Charles (Estate)	1	Lawton, Francis	1
Hall, George (Estate)	1	Lawton, George	1
Hamilton, William	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Hammett, Charles E. Jr.	2	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Hammett, Elizabeth	1	Lemont, M. D. (Mrs. G. V. W.)	1
Hammett, James H.	1	Leverett, William	1
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Hammond, Zenas L.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Hart, Joseph M.	3	Lyon, Joseph (Estate)	1
Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1	Macy, Seth W.	1
Hazard, Charlotte T.	1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Hazard, Henry B.	1	Mason, Earl P.	2
Hazard, Isaac P.	3	Mason, George C.	1
Hazard, J. Alfred	1	Mason, Robert M.	3
Hazard, John A. of T. G.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Hazard, Rowland R.	4	Melville, Benjamin S.	1
Hazard, Theophilus D.	1	Mercer, William Newton	6
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Newton, Mrs. Hannah C.	1	Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1
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Norman, Stephen H.	2	Smith, William H.	1
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Pearson, John (Estate)	1	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Peckham, Edward W.	1	Stanton, Robert H.	1
Peckham, Felix	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Henry S.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
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Pell-Clarke, Leslie	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Taylor, William Rogers	1
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Terrill, George	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Potter, Charles	1	Tiffany, George	2
Pray, Harley W.	1	Tilton, Frederick W.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Rhineland, Frederick W.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Rhodes, James T. (Estate)	3	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Richardson, George H.	1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Turner, Henry E.	1
Richmond, George A.	1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.	1
Rider, Philip	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Riley, Henry C.	1	Underwood, Charles	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	3	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Russell, Charles H.	4	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Russell, Harry	2	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
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Sherman, Albert K.	1	Wetmore, Wm. B.	1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wilbour, John (Estate)	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Willard, E. W.	1
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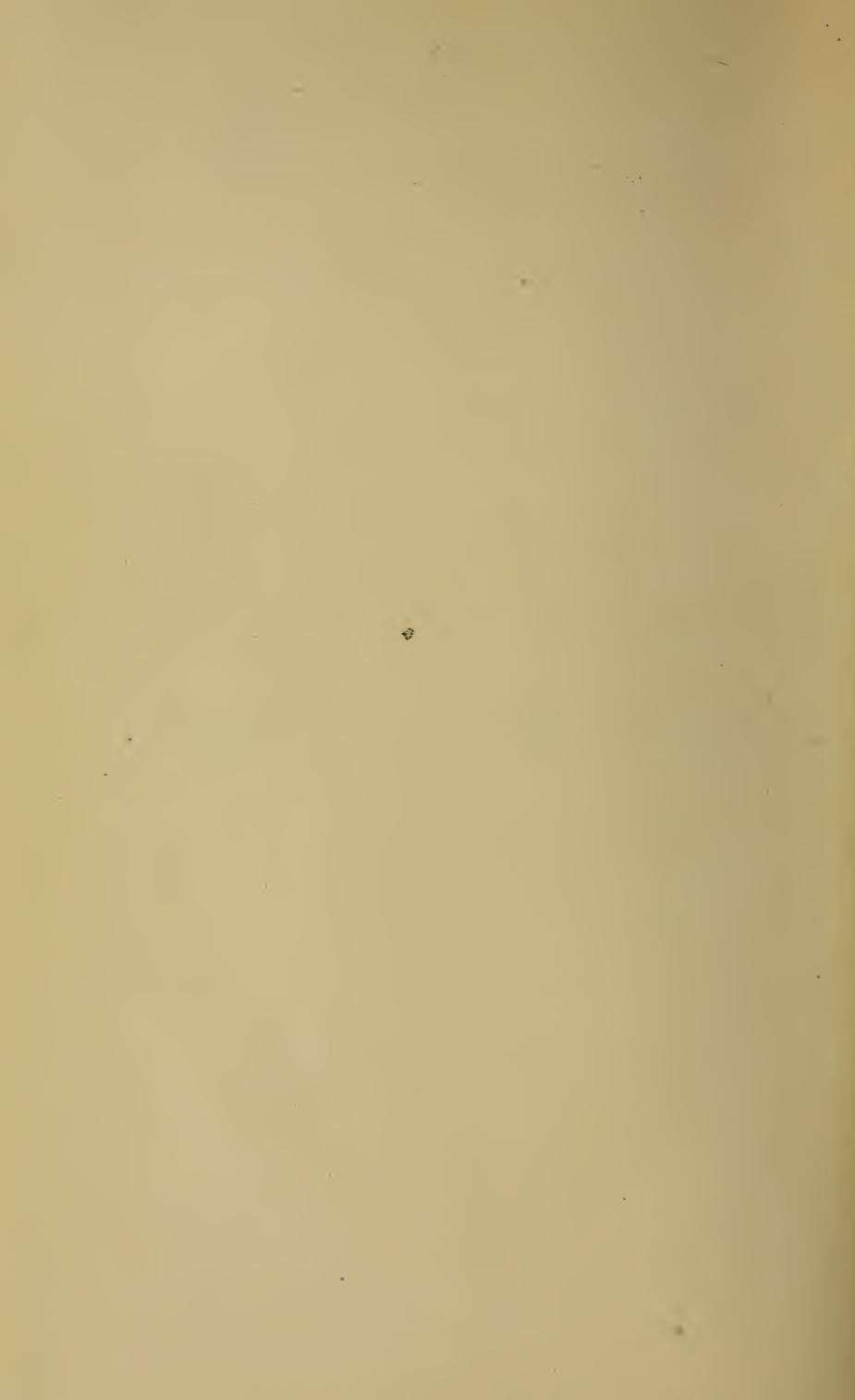
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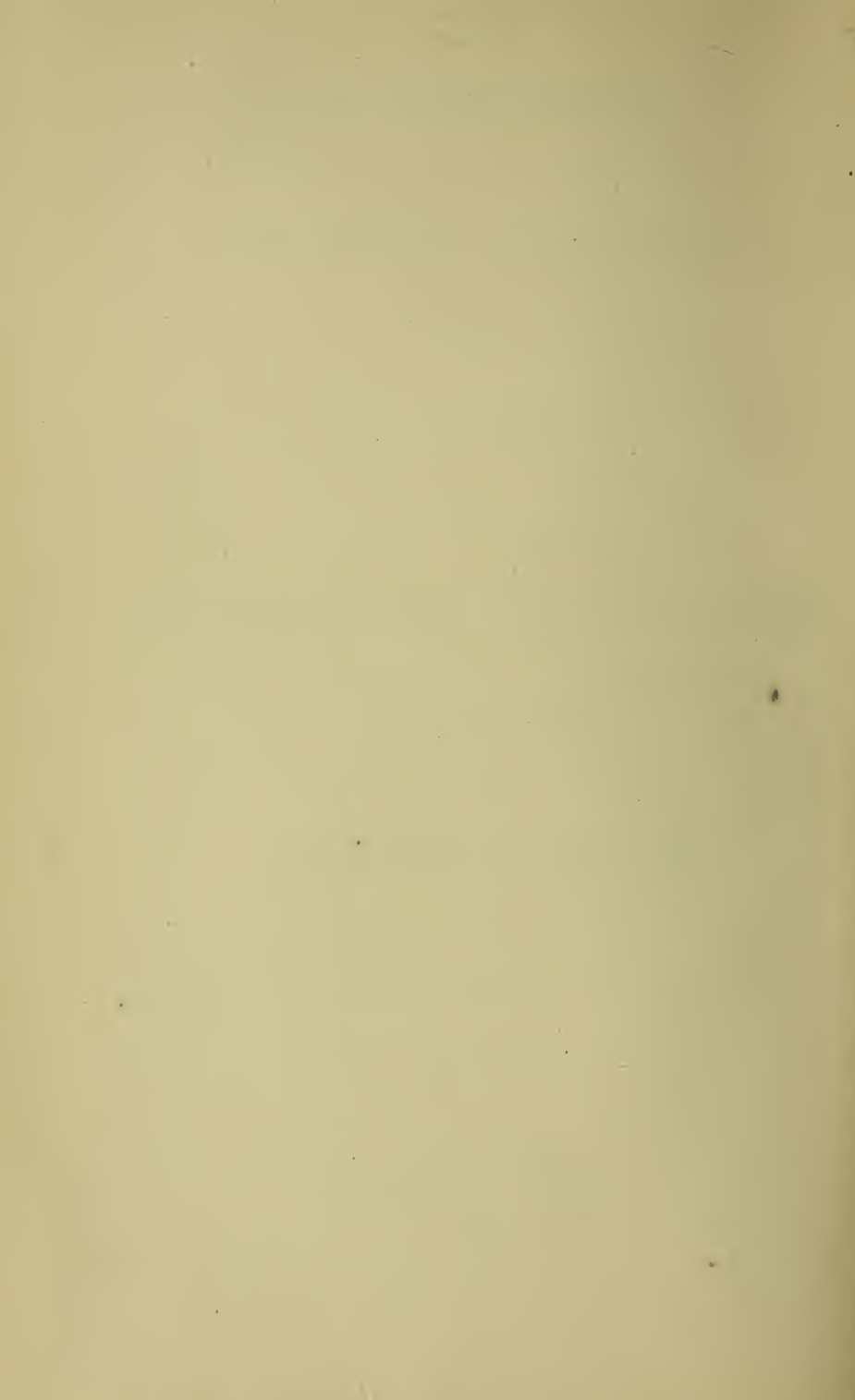


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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 29th, 1875.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, September 29th, 1875.

At the hour appointed, HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, Vice-President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Ashhurst, Wm. H.
Atkinson, James
Bailey, Joseph I.
Brinley, Francis
Brooks, Charles T.
Bush, John T.
Butler, Samuel W.
Clarke, Thomas H.
Clarke, William A.
Coddington, Charles B.

Engs, Samuel
Gould, Nathan H.
Hazard, Benj. of T. G.
Higginson, Thomas W.
Honey, Samuel R.
Howland, Benjamin B.
Hunter, Thomas R.
Ledyard, Lewis Cass
Malcom, Charles H.
Mason, George C.

Cozzens, George
 Cozzens, William C.
 Dunn, Thomas
 Engs, John S.
 Mason, Robert M.
 Norman, Stephen H.
 Parish, Daniel Jr.
 Peckham, Felix
 Peckham, Thomas P.
 Richmond, George A.
 Rider, Philip

Sherman, Anthony S.
 Sherman, Robert
 Stanton, Robert H.
 Stevens, David
 Terrill, George
 Tilton, Frederic W.
 Tompkins, Frederic
 Tompkins, Hamilton B.
 Turner, Henry E.
 Van Zandt, Charles C.
 Ward, A. Judson

Wilson, George H.

and one hundred and twenty-five, (125) proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

A. Ludlow Case,	George H. Peckham,
William Gammell,	Leslie Pell-Clarke,
Job T. Langley,	Clarence Robinson,
Mrs. Susan Augusta Pierson,	Charles Spooner.

The Report of the Committee to examine the books in the Library, was presented by Mr. Francis Brinley and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors:

William H. Ashhurst,	Augustus N. Littlefield,
Sidney Brooks,	Seth W. Macy,
John T. Bush,	Charles H. Malcom,
Samuel W. Butler,	George C. Mason,
William A. Clarke,	Robert M. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	Daniel Parish, Jr.,
George W. Gibbs,	Charles H. Russell,
William Gilpin,	Austin L. Sands,
Nathan H. Gould,	William P. Sheffield,
Thomas W. Higginson,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Henry E. Turner,
Job T. Langley,	Charles C. Van Zandt,

George Peabody. Wetmore.

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1876.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Messrs. Henry H. Fay and Charles T. Brooks were appointed a Committee to examine the books.

Voted, That the ballots be destroyed by the Secretary at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to arrange the names of the Directors, in the Annual Report, in alphabetical order.

Mr. John S. Engs presented the following Resolution, which was passed :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors are hereby authorized to finish the addition to the Library Building, now in process of construction, provided the total cost of the same from beginning to completion, lighted, heated, and furnished, shall not exceed Thirty-one thousand dollars, (\$31,000.)

Adjourned :

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1875.

The DIRECTORS of the REDWOOD LIBRARY & ATHENÆUM, in compliance with the requirements of the fifteenth article of the Charter, as amended in 1856, respectfully present a Report of their proceedings for the past year.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Directors on the 12th of October, 1874, Mr. William C. Cozzens read a letter which he had received from the Executors of the late Dr. William Newton Mercer, dated at New-Orleans on the 26th of the previous September, stating that Dr. Mercer by his Last Will had bequeathed to the Redwood Library two original Portraits, one being of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the other of DANIEL WEBSTER, and both painted by the distinguished artist, Chester Harding. These testimonials of the continued and thoughtful regard of Dr. Mercer for this Institution, of which he had been a Director, were thankfully received, and Resolutions adopted expressive of respect for the memory and character of that venerable gentleman. These Portraits have arrived from New-Orleans, and are now in the Library.

At the same meeting of the Directors, was submitted a letter from the Executors of our late associate, John Carter Brown, containing an extract from his Will, by which the liberal sum of five thousand dollars was left to the Redwood Library. It was thereupon voted that the bequest be gratefully received, acknowledged, and applied to the use designated by the donor. That sum was promptly paid, and then deposited in the Savings Bank of Newport.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 10th of May last, Dr. David King made the following gratifying statement :

"I rise," said he, "to perform a pleasing and interesting duty. In the winter of 1873, during my residence in Paris, I had several conversations with Mrs. Joseph Tuckerman, with regard to the disposition of her brother's works, our late friend, the Poet. At the time of his lamented death, she had caused to be selected from his Library copies of the original editions of his works.— These had been sent to her in Europe, where many of them had been elegantly bound. At the period of our conversation, she was desirous of depositing them in some public Institution, where they might be preserved as a memorial of her brother's scholarship and attainments. I suggested the REDWOOD LIBRARY, as the appropriate place of deposit, considering the sincere interest which her brother, through life, had displayed in its concerns. She had adopted my advice, and sending the books to me, she writes to me from Paris, April 8th, 1875, to present them in her name to the Redwood Library Company. It is therefore my duty, as well as my pleasure, in behalf of Mrs. Lucy K. Tuckerman, to present to the Redwood Library Company, the works of the late HENRY T. TUCKERMAN, Esq."

Whereupon it was decided that appropriate Resolutions be presented to Mrs. Tuckerman for the valuable donation of her brother's literary works, and the framed Photograph of Mr. Tuckerman, which accompanied them.

These volumes, when received, were enclosed in a beautiful casket of ebony and cedar, on which was inscribed :

"THE WORKS
OF
HENRY THEODORE TUCKERMAN,
Presented to the
REDWOOD LIBRARY, NEWPORT, R. I."

Very frequent contributions are made to the Library and to its Cabinet of Curiosities, a list of which will be added to this

Report. But the bequests and gifts above referred to, seemed to require special notice and formal acknowledgment.

The Library.

The condition of the Books in the Library is as satisfactory as could be expected in view of their inadequate accommodation. We impatiently wait for the time when our careful Librarian shall have greater facilities for continuing his work in classifying, cataloguing and fittingly arranging our increasing collection.

The number of Books at the date of the last	
Annual Report, was	20.634
Since added by purchase,	316
“ “ “ donation,	293
“ “ “ binding periodicals,	60

Making the whole number on hand September 1st, 1875, 21.303

One hundred and fifty-two pamphlets, including Magazines and Reviews, have been given during the last twelve months.

By the statement of the Librarian, it appears that the number of books circulated for the year ending the first of September, 1875, was 12.504; an increase of almost fifteen hundred volumes over the circulation of the previous year.

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending the 29th of September, 1875, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

As per Treasurer's report,	\$14.277,70.
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EXPENDITURES.

As per Treasurer's Report,	\$14.125,19
Balance on hand September 29, 1875,	\$152,51

The Enlargement.

The work on the addition to the Library Building, which, according to contract, was suspended during the winter, was punctually resumed in the Spring. By the harmonious cöoperation of the Committee on Enlargement, the Architect and the Contractors, it was so far advanced a few weeks ago, that it became necessary to arrange for finishing and furnishing the interior, in regard to its destined use.

Accordingly, on the 12th of August last, it was voted by the Directors, that the Committee on Enlargement and repairs be authorized and requested to raise means for furnishing and finishing the new building now under construction, in such way as they may judge expedient, either by loan or otherwise, to an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars.

It was intended by the vote, to provide for the necessary heating apparatus—plumbing—cess-pools—grading—fencing—book-shelves—furniture—architect's commissions, and any other unavoidable charges for labor, materials or liabilities not included in, and covered by, the contract for enlargement. It is confidently expected that all work of that description will be completed by the first of next December.

At that meeting of the Directors the Committee on Finance was instructed to obtain the privilege of carpenter's and builder's rates from the parties insuring against fire on the present Library, for a period of four months, and also to obtain insurance against fire on the new enlarged Library Building; both of which have been effected.

At the same meeting of the Directors, a letter from the Architect was read inviting attention to the condition of the roof over the Reading Room, which he represented would soon look badly, as many of the shingles were cracked through six or seven courses. It was referred to the Committee on Enlargement, with authority to act in the premises. They gave immediate attention to this important matter, and caused the roof to be slated.

As the Committee on Enlargement was authorized to raise by loan, or otherwise, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars for finishing and furnishing the new building, it is important to determine how the interest on that sum shall be paid if it be obtained by loan. It is a matter for the immediate attention of the proprietors.

Death of Members.

During the past year this Institution has been called upon to record the unanticipated decease of a useful, quiet and unostentatious benefactor, the late DR. GEORGE A. HAMMETT, of this city. To some of his friends it was known, that for years he had passed his leisure hours in composing a poetical translation of the works of Virgil. At the time of his death he had almost completed the Herculean labor, having finished the Eclogues, the Georgics, and twelve Books of the *Æneid*, except a part of Book 4. Quite recently his widow, and Executrix, very thoughtfully presented to this Library two volumes of the carefully written manuscript of his formidable undertaking. They are a wonderful testimony to his taste, industry and scholarly attainments.

Not long ago, the ranks of the Directors were broken by the death of an esteemed associate, ROBERT H. IVES; and now we are saddened by the recent demise of our late President, EDWARD KING. As we are gathered in this Hall, and contemplate the costly specimens of Statuary, which he contributed for its embellishment, we may fairly use the epitaph on Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, in London,

“Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.”

Certainly it is no ordinary misfortune, that within about a twelve-month, we should have lost not only Dr. Hammett, but three members of such well known reputation and influence as John Carter Brown, Robert H. Ives, and Edward King. They have laid aside the cares and anxieties of this mortal life, and put on immortality.

The Number of Directors.

A Resolution was adopted at the last annual meeting of the Proprietors, authorizing the Directors "to prepare and present at the next annual meeting, a plan for the reduction of the Board; and that they be authorized to take such legal advice and to obtain such permissive legislation as may be necessary for that purpose."

The Directors have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and find that by the original Charter of "The Company of the Redwood Library," it had full power for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors.

The earliest book of Records, which is entitled the "Minute Book of the Company of the Redwood Library, 1747," begins thus:—"At a meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library in the Council Chamber at Newport, the last Wednesday of September, 1747,—this being the first meeting of the Company since their Incorporation, the Charter was publicly read. It was agreed by the Company, that the Directors shall be *eight* in number, and any five of them shall constitute a quorum."

Eight continued to be the number of Directors until the year 1791. If the Charter had not been subjected to alterations at different times, the Company would, at this day, possess the unquestioned right, conferred by the Charter of 1747, to regulate the election and number of Directors.

It appears by an almost illegible record of a meeting on the 14th of October, 1785, that the Directors were ordered to petition the General Assembly, at their next session, for a renewal of the Charter.—But it was not until the October session, 1790, that "An Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Company of the Redwood Library, in the Town of Newport," was passed. It enacts "That there shall be *five* Directors chosen, three of whom shall be a quorum: that William Vernon, John Bours, Nicholas P. Tillinghast, Robert Stevens, and Jonathan Easton, Jun., shall be the present Directors, under the Or-

ders, Laws and Regulations of said Company, and until others shall be appointed by the said Company in their room and stead."

At a meeting of the Company on the 2d day of August, 1791, "agreeable," (to use the language of the Record,) "to an Act of the General Assembly of said State, made and passed at a sessions thereof, begun and held by adjournment at Providence, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in October, A. D. 1790, entitled an Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Company of the Redwood Library in the Town of Newport," and also another Act of the said General Assembly made and passed at a Sessions thereof, begun and held at Newport, within and for said State, the first Wednesday in May, A. D. 1791, entitled An Act in addition to an Act for the better regulating and defining the powers of the Redwood Library in the Town of Newport, it was "Voted and Resolved, That agreeably to the afore recited Act, Thomas Wickam be Treasurer of the Library Company, and that William Vernon, John Bours, Nicholas P. Tillinghast, Robert Stevens and Jonathan Easton, Jun., be Directors till the Annual Meeting;" on which occasion five Directors, only, were chosen. It is proper to state, in this connection, that the Act of May, 1791, has no reference to choice and number of Directors.

Notwithstanding the Act of 1790, which was accepted by the Company, provided "that there shall be *five* Directors chosen," the Proprietors on the 26th of August, 1810, adopted certain rules and regulations, the 13th article being as follows:—"The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among the members, a President, Five Directors," &c.—A very superfluous vote as regards the number of Directors.

The Charter was again amended by the General Assembly, at the October session, 1833. The 13th Article is in the very words of the 13th Article adopted by the proprietors in 1810, to wit: "The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members, a President, *five* Directors, &c." This seems to be legislation out of superabundant caution.

For a series of years efforts had been made "to increase the efficiency of the Institution" with indifferent success. At length, At a meeting of the Directors October 10, 1855, it was voted "that it was expedient to procure from the General Assembly, amendments to the Charter empowering the Company to elect, at their annual meetings, *eleven* Directors instead of *five*."

Accordingly, at the session of the General Assembly, January, 1856, an act passed amending the Charter, and providing "That the Company, at their annual meetings shall elect from among their members, a President, *eleven* Directors," &c.

A Report of the Directors, elected September 26, 1860, recommended "that an application be made to the General Assembly for an amendment to the Charter, authorizing the Company to elect a Vice-President, (who shall be *ex-officio* a Director,) also to *add* not exceeding *eight* to the number of Directors, so that the whole number of Directors which it shall be in the power of the Company to elect at any time shall be *nineteen*, of whom six shall be a quorum at any meeting. This will enlarge the active element in the Directors, and also afford an opportunity for appointments among those members whose circumstances or avocations prevent a regular attendance at the meeting of the Board."

The General Assembly was accommodating, and at its January session in 1861, passed an Act, the first section of which provided "that in addition to the officers which the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may now elect by law, the said Corporation *may* annually elect a Vice-President who shall be *ex-officio* a Director, and not exceeding *eight* additional Directors."

The language of the act is permissive, as to the additional number of Directors,—not compulsory.

At the annual meeting September 21, 1861, nineteen Directors were chosen; that was accomplished, by adding eight new members to the eleven old members. Since then, the number has fluctuated from eighteen to twenty-five.

Once more the Charter was subjected to Legislative modification, for at the annual meeting of the Directors in 1866, it was "voted, that the Directors be authorized to petition the General Assembly for an amendment to the Charter, providing for the creation of preferred shares of capital stock, as recommended by the Board of Directors; also to increase the number of Directors to twenty-five, if deemed advisable; and, also to have the name of the Institution restored to its original title, if there should be no substantial objection."

On the petition of the Directors, the General Assembly, at the January session, 1867, passed an act in amendment of the Charter, allowing the issue of new shares; the second section provides that "The Board of Directors of said Corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five."

Such is the history of the changes made in the number of the Board of Directors. It may be legally increased to twenty-five; it cannot be reduced to a less number than eleven, but by an alteration of the Charter.

The act of January, 1856, is imperative that the Company "*shall elect*," eleven Directors.

The act of January, 1861, is *permissive*; the Company "*may elect*" not exceeding eight additional members.

The act of January, 1867, is also *permissive*; the members "*may be increased* to any number not exceeding twenty-five."

The questions arise, is it expedient at this time to reduce the number, and if so, how shall it be effected? It may be rightfully inferred from the vote of last year, that the Board as constituted was considered to be too large for a good administration body, and that a smaller number would possess, in a more marked degree, the element of efficiency and responsibility.

If that be so, how shall the reduction be accomplished?

The Directors cannot advise that the Proprietors by formal vote cut down the number, because it would force upon them the ungracious duty of determining who should be left out.

They recommend this plan, (if it be the judgment of the Proprietors that the number of Directors ought to be reduced,) that the Company refrain from filling vacancies in the Board, until such a number as they may deem best, not less, however, than the Chartered minimum number eleven, shall be reached.

The Directors are gratified to be able to represent that for the Redwood Library the people of Newport entertain an almost reverential regard; that it is steadily increasing its attractions, both to the student, and to the transient visitor; that its affairs have been carefully looked after by the several committees, and that there is no reason to apprehend any diminution of its prosperity and usefulness, if discreetly managed.

Newport, September 29th, 1875.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
For the Directors.

Obituary Resolutions.

The following Resolutions, presented by the HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, July 12, 1875 :

Resolved, That the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum receive the intelligence of the death of ROBERT H. IVES, with mingled emotions of grief and gratitude ;—grief, that we shall not be animated by the counsels and sympathy of a generous contributor to this Institution ; gratitude, that by Divine favor he passed not away until he was crowned with length of honorable years.

The tone of thought and the literary habits acquired within the quiet walls of a University, are thought to be adverse to success in the stern and worldly strife for mercantile distinction. In the mental organism of Mr. IVES was harmoniously blended the taste of a refined worshipper of polite learning, and the robust ability to enter into, arrange and control the intricate plans of the intrepid merchant. Hence, inherited wealth was not merely preserved, but steadily augmented by his business capability, and then dispensed with the unostentatious munificence of a modest student.

Resolved, That by the death of Mr. IVES, the State has lost an unselfish Patriot ;—the Church, which he loved, a devout Christian ; and the Eleemosynary and other Institutions in which he was interested, a generous benefactor and safe adviser.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the above Resolutions be transmitted to Mrs. GAMMELL, the only surviving child of our late associate.

RESOLUTIONS on the death of the President of the Redwood Library and Athenæum.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held Sept. 3d, 1875, the follow-

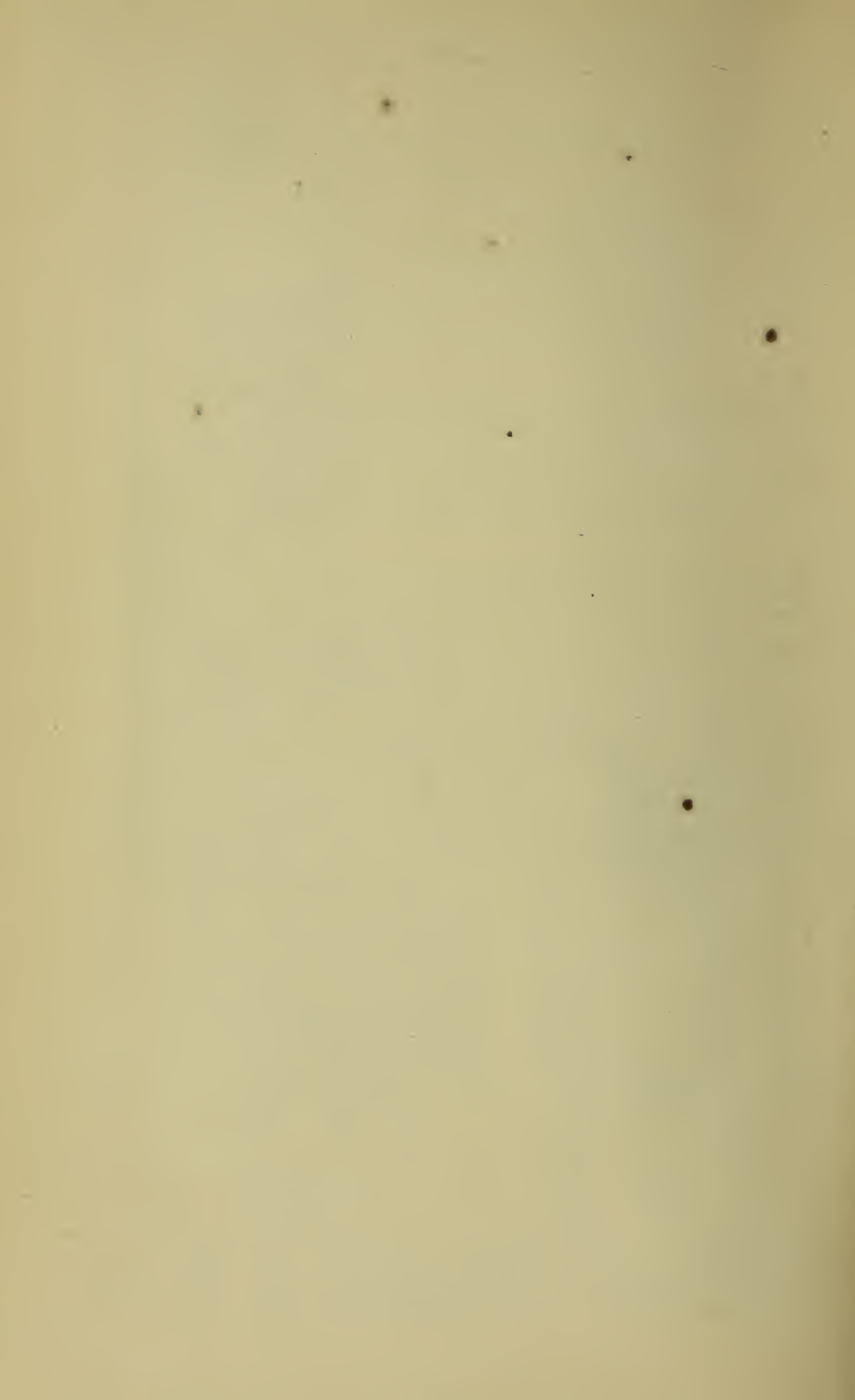
ing Resolutions, prepared and presented by HON. C. C. VAN ZANDT, were unanimously passed :

WHEREAS, The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have received the announcement of the death of EDWARD KING, the President of this Association, and desire to express and to spread upon their Records, their appreciation of his services to this Institution, and their valued recollection of his character as a citizen and a man, Therefore

Resolved,—That the Redwood Library and Athenæum has lost one of its strongest and most attached friends and liberal benefactors, whose generous gifts and active services have extended through many years, and the members of this Board experience the most sincere grief at his death, in the maturity of his powers and the strength of his usefulness.

Resolved,—That his eminently conservative and modest character, combined with rare business and executive qualifications, are entitled to general remembrance, admiration and respect, and that we desire to express, with delicate consideration, our sympathy with his bereaved widow and family in this their greatest loss.

Resolved,—That as an appropriate expression of our sorrow and regard, this Board of Directors will attend the funeral services of their late President, and the Secretary is instructed to cause this, their unanimous action, to be communicated to the family of the deceased and placed upon its records and published in the Newport and Providence newspapers.



APPENDIX.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "GIBBS BUILDING FUND."

George W. Gibbs,	\$ 10,000	John Foster,	100
Geo. Peabody Wetmore,	1,500	Henry S. Fearing,	100
John Carter Brown,	600	Frederick Sheldon,	100
Edward King,	500	J. Winthrop Chanler,	100
Charles H. Russell,	500	Wm. F. Channing,	100
Sidney Brooks,	500	Edmund Tweedy,	100
Robert M. Mason,	500	Seth W. Macy,	100
Richard Baker, Jr.	500	Augustus N. Littlefield,	100
Robert Ray,	250	Wm. P. Sheffield,	100
Daniel Rogers,	250	Charles Hunter,	100
Robert Lenox Kennedy,	250	George H. Norman,	100
Isaac P. Hazard,	200	Earl P. Mason,	100
John N. A. Griswold,	200	Frederick Tompkins,	100
Wm A. Clarke,	200	Philip Caswell,	100
Hamilton B. Tompkins,	200	A. S. Hatch,	100
Robert H. Ives,	200	Frederick Kernochan,	100
Richard Cornell,	150	Mrs. Walden Pell,	100
Elbert J. Anderson,	150	Mrs. Marius Panon,	100
A. A. Low,	125	C. B. Parkinson,	100
Edwin D. Morgan,	125	Wm. H. Ashhurst,	100
A friend to the Library,	100	Wm. Norris,	100
August Belmont,	100	Henry Ledyard,	100
Alfred Smith,	100	Duncan C. Pell,	100
James T. Rhodes,	100	Miss K. P. Wormeley,	50
Hamilton Hoppin,	100	Miss Ellen F. Townsend,	50
Alexander Van Rensselaer,	100	Thos. W. Higginson,	25
David King,	100		
		Total,	\$20,025 00

The following is a List of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

	Vols.	Ppns.
Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., Boston,	1	
Amory, Thomas C., Boston,		1
Anderson, Mrs. Charles,	12	
Armstrong, Gen. S. C., Va.	2	
Arnold, Dr. Edmund S. F.,	22	
Barrows, Dr. H. G., Boston,	18	
Bartlett, Hon. J. R., Providence,	1	
Bird, Hon. Francis, Boston,	1	
Brookline, Mass., Public Library,	1	3
Brooks, Rev. Charles T.,	38	57
Brown, Obadiah, Benevolent Fund,	20	
Burns, William C., <i>London</i> ,	5	2
Bush, Mrs. J. T., Liberal Christian, Christian Reg., continued.		
Calvert, George H., Academy, Banner of Light, Phenological		
Jour., Publisher's Weekly, Popular Sci. Monthly, con.	1	
Case, Admiral A. Ludlow,	50	
“ “ “ 31 large Photo., 38 Stereoscopic.		
Clarke, Thomas H.,	1	
Cobden Club,	1	6
Columbia College, per F. P. Barnard, Pres., B. R. Betts, Lib'n.	1	
Concord, Mass.	1	1
Cooke, Prof. Joseph P.,		1
Crocker, Augustus,	1	
Curtis, Mrs. Daniel I.,	3	
Fall River, Public Library,	1	2
Gould, N. H.,	1	
Hammett, Charles E.,		5
Hammett, Mrs. G. A., 2 Mss. vols.,	2	
Harris, C. Fiske, Providence,	1	
Hazard, Thomas R.,	2	
Higginson, Col. Thomas W., Jour. Speculative Philos, con.,	12	5
Home Journal, N. Y., per George Perry & M. Phillips, con.		
Honey, S. R., Christian Union, Country Gentleman, The		
South, continued,	3	
Hunter, Charles, Estate of,	87	55
King, Miss E. S.	1	
King, George Gordon, Map of Rhode Island with Indian names.		
La Farge, John,	3	34
Lake, William D.,	1	1
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library,		7
Lee, John Wm., Merc. Library, Baltimore,	1	

GIFTS, *continued.*

	Vols	Pp
Macy, Seth W., - - - - -	2	
Malcom, Rev. Dr. C. H., - - - - -		1
Mason, Robert M., - - - - -	1	
Matthews, Nathan, - - - - -	2	
Mercer, W. N., Estate of, two Portraits.		
Narragansett Weekly, per G. B. and J. H. Utter, continued.		
Newport, City, - - - - -	1	
N. Y. Chamber of Commerce, - - - - -	2	
Peckham, Charles B., - - - - -	3	
Powel, Miss M. E., - - - - -	12	
Powel, Hon Samuel, Proceedings of Academy National Sci., Philadelphia, continued.		
Providence, City, - - - - -	3	
Rhode-Island, State of, - - - - -	2	1
Salem, Essex Institute, Bulletin, continued.		
Sears, Dr. Barnas, - - - - -	1	
Seabury, W. G., - - - - -	1	
Sharp, Mrs. Philip T., - - - - -	22	81
Smith, B. R., Phila., Photograph.		
Smithsonian Institute, - - - - -	6	
Starbuck, Henry P., - - - - -	1	
Thiebaut, A, - - - - -	1	
Tompkins, H. B., - - - - -	4	5
Townsend, Mrs. E., African Repos. continued.		
United States Coast Survey, - - - - -	1	
“ “ Engineer Department, - - - - -	3	6
“ “ Interior “ - - - - -	56	
“ “ “ Education, - - - - -		2
“ “ Naval Observatory, - - - - -	1	
“ “ Patent Office Gazette, continued.		
“ “ Report on Fisheries, - - - - -	2	
Waring, Col. G. E. Jr., - - - - -	1	
Washburn, Gov. Israel, Portland, - - - - -	1	
Watchman & Reflector, continued.		
Woman's Journal, continued.		

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF 'SPECIAL SHARES' OF \$100,
exempt from all assessments or taxation by the Corporation."

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.		\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.
Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.		1	Campbell, George J.		1
Allan, Erastus P.		1	Carey, John		1
Allan, William S. N.		1	Caswell, John R.		1
Almy, Margarette G.		1	Caswell, Philip	1	
Anderson, Martha M.	1		Chase, Gilbert		1
Anderson, Rosalie Redwood	1		Chase, Sarah I.		1
Ashhurst, William H.	1		Child, William S.		1
Atkinson, James		1	Clarke, Harriet		1
Bailey, Joseph I.		1	Clarke, Thomas H.		2
Bailey, Samuel C.		1	Clarke, William A.		4
Barber, Charles P.		1	Coddington, Charles B.		1
Barker, Robert S.		2	Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)		1
Barreda, F. L.		8	Coggeshall, John S.		1
Beck, Henry Paul (Estate)		1	Coggeshall, Thomas		1
Beeckman, Helen	1		Congdon, John C.		1
Berry Mrs. M. T.		2	Congdon, William P.		1
Bliss, William H.		1	Cook, George I. (Estate)		1
Boit, Edward D.		4	Cooke, Joseph J.	1	
Bowen, George		1	Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.		1
Bowen, Stephen (Estate)		1	Cornell, Richard	1	
Bowler, William T.		1	Cornell, William		1
Bradford, Joseph		1	Cottrell, Michael		1
Breese, Thomas (Estate)		1	Cottrell, Silas H.		1
Brinley, Edward H.		1	Cozzens, George		2
Brinley, Edward L.		4	Cozzens, Henry W.		1
Brinley, Francis		1	Cozzens, John H.		1
Brnson, Arthur		1	Cozzens, William C.	1	2
Brooks, Charles T.	1		Deblois, John S.		1
Brooks, Sidney	1	6	D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W.		1
Brown, Mrs. Grace		1	Dennis, John D.		1
Brown, John Carter, (Estate)		1	Denniston, George Jr.		1
Brown, Samuel		1	Dumont, Elizabeth S.		1
Brownell, William		1	Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)		1
Buffum, Thomas B.		1	Dunn, Thomas		1
Bull, Henry		1	Edgar, William		1
Burdick, J. Truman		1	Ellery, Mary G. & H. C.		1
Bush, Augustus		1	Engs, George		1
Bush, John T.		2	Engs, John S.		1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	2	Engs, Samuel		1
Cahoone, Stephen, (Estate)		1	Ennis, Caroline W.		1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1		Fay, Henry H.		1
Callender, Elizabeth		1	Fearing, George Richmond	1	
Calvert, George H.		1	Field, John W.		1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *continued.*

	\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.		\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.
Finch, Benjamin		1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass		1
Fludder, James		5	LeMont, Mary D. (Mrs Wilbur)		1
Fludder, William		1	Leverett, William		1
Foster, John	1	2	Littlefield, Augustus N.		1
Gibbs, R. M. (Estate)		4	Lyman, Charles Frederic		1
Gibbs, George W.	1		Lyon, Joseph (Estate)		1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. Thompson)	1		Lyon, Joseph M.		1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1		McCurdy, Robert H.	1	
Gilpin, William		1	Macy, Seth W.	1	1
Goffe, Augustus		1	Malcom, Charles Howard	1	
Goffe, Emma		1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)		1
Gould, David J.		3	Mason, Earl P.	1	2
Gould, Nathan H.		1	Mason, George C.		1
Gould, Stephen		1	Mason, Robert M.	1	3
Gray, Louisa F.		1	Matthews, Nathan	1	
Green, George W. (Estate)		1	Mauran, James E.		1
Greene, John H.		1	Melvill, Benjamin S.		1
Greene, Nathaniel		1	Middleton, Henry A.		1
Griswold, John N. A.		4	Morgan, Edwin D.	1	
Gyles, Charles (Estate)		1	Morris, Henry		1
Hall, George (Estate)		1	Morris, Wistar		1
Hamilton, William		1	Munro, Rebecca Mrs (J. Finch,		1
Hammett, Charles E. Jr.		2	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.		1
Hammett, Elizabeth		1	Newton, Dudley		2
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1		Newton, Mrs. Hannah C.		1
Hammett, James H.		1	Newton, Mary H.		1
Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)		1	Norman, George H.	1	
Hammond, Zenas L.		1	Norman, Stephen H.	1	2
Hart, Joseph M.		3	Paine, John		2
Hazard, Benjamin		1	Parkman, George F.	1	3
Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.		1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1	
Hazard, Charlotte Thayer		1	Pearson, John (Estate)		1
Hazard, Henry Bond		1	Peckham, Edward W.		1
Hazard, Isaac Peace		3	Peckham, Felix		1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1		Peckham, George H.		1
Hazard, John Alfred		1	Peckham, Henry S.		1
Hazard, John Alfred of T. G.		1	Peckham Job A.		1
Hazard, Rowland R.		4	Peckham, M. E. (Mrs Packard)		1
Hazard, Theophilus Dunn		1	Peckham, Thomas P.		1
Hazard, Thomas Hull		1	Peckham, William G. Jr.		2
Hazard, Thomas R.		1	Pell-Clarke, Leslie		1
Higginson, Thos. Wentworth		5	Pell, Mrs. Walden		1
Hoffman, Susan Ogden		2	Perkins, Charles C.		1
Hone, Robert S.	1		Phinney, Theodore W.		2
Honey, Samuel R.		3	Pierson, Mrs Susan Augusta	1	3
Hoppin, Hamilton	1		Potter, Charles		1
Horton, Jeremiah W.		1	Powel, Samuel	1	
Howland, Benjamin B.		1	Pray, Harley W.		1
Hunter, Charles (Estate)		2	Ray, Robert	2	
Hunter, Rebecca E.		1	Reynolds, Gardner B.		1
Hunter, Thomas R.		1	Rhineland, Frederic W.		1
Ives, Robert H. (Estate)		4	Rhoades, Benjamin Hurd		1
Kane, Delancey (Estate)		8	Richardson, George H.		1
Kennedy Robert Lenox	1		Richardson, John D.		1
King, Caroline		3	Richmond, George A.		1
King, David		5	Rider, Philip		1
King, Edward (Estate)		5	Riley, Henry C.		1
King, George Gordon		1	Robeson, Andrew (Estate)		3
King, William H.		7	Robinson, Clarence		1
Ladd, John W.		1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1	3
Langley, Job T.		1	Russell, Charles H.	1	4
Langley, William Covey		1	Sands, Austin Ledyard	1	
Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)		1	Sanford, Henry S.	1	
Lawrence, William Beach		9	Sanford, William H.		1
Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)		1	Sayer, Eliza K.		1
Lawton, Edward W.		1	Seabury, Thomas Mumford		1
Lawton, George		1	Seabury, William Gammell		1
Lawton, Gideon (Estate)		1	Sears, David (Estate)	1	
Ledyard, Henry	1		Sheffield, William P.	1	

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	\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.		\$100 Shs.	\$25 Shs.
Sherman, Albert K.		1	Tompkins, Frederick	1	1
Sherman, Anthony S.		1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1	
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)		1	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)		4
Sherman, Isaac, (of N. Y.)	1		Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.		1
Sherman, Robert		1	Townsend, Edmund J.		1
Sherman, William		1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)		1
Simmons, Philip (Estate)		1	Tucker, William W.	1	
Slocum, Marshall C. (Estate)		1	Turner, Henry E.		1
Smith, Alfred	1		Turner, Henry E. Jr.		1
Smith, William H.		1	Tweedy, Edmund		2
Southwick, J. M. K.		1	Underwood, Chas. W. (Estate)		1
Spooner, Charles		1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1	1
Spooner, Edwin G.		1	Van Zandt, Charles Collins		1
Spooner, W. H. D.		1	Vernon, Samuel B.		1
Staigg, Richard M.	1		Vernon, William (Estate)		1
Stanton, Robert H.		1	Wales, George W.	1	
Stevens, Mrs. Adele L. S.	1		Ward, Adoniram Judson		1
Stevens, David		1	Ward, Henry N.		1
Stevens, William (Estate)		1	Weaver, George B.		1
Stevens, William G.		1	Wetmore, A. D. (Mrs. Sherman)	1	
Stewart, Anthony		1	Wetmore, Edith K. M.	1	
Stoddard, John C.		1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1	
Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris		1	Wetmore, Samuel	1	1
Swinburne, Daniel T. (Estate)		1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1	1
Taylor, John J.		1	Wilbour, John (Estate)		1
Taylor, Robert J.	1		Wilbour, Mary Ann		1
Taylor, William Rogers		1	Willard, E. W.		1
Terrill, George		1	Willet, Edward M.	1	
Thornlike, Mrs. Sophia,		1	Wilson, George H.		1
Tiffany, George,		2	Wormeley, Katharine P.		1
Tilton, Frederic W.		1			



ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

Made September 27th, 1876,

TO THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

ORIGINATED A. D. 1730,—INCORPORATED BY CHARTER A. D. 1747.

EDIFICE ERECTED A. D. 1748,—ENLARGED A. D. 1858.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
DIRECTORS

OF THE
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NEWPORT, R. I.

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1876.

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OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

1876-7.

PRESIDENT,

FRANCIS BRINLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

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BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

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Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING,	CHARLES T. BROOKS,
CHARLES H. MALCOM,	THOMAS W. HIGGINSON,
WILLIAM GILPIN.	

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ROBERT M. MASON,	JOB T. LANGLEY.

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FREDERIC W. TILTON,	AUSTIN L. SANDS,
HENRY H. FAY.	

On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	GEORGE W. GIBBS.
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On Enlargement and Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH,	GEORGE C. MASON,
AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD,	WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.
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On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 27th, 1876.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 1876.

At the hour appointed, HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Brinley, Francis	Parish, Daniel Jr.
Brooks, Charles T.	Rhoades Benjamin H.
Bush, John T.	Richmond George A.
Clarke, Wm. A.	Stevens, Wm. G.
Crandall, George F.	Tilley, Benjamin J.
Deblois, Henry D.	Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Higginson, Thomas W.	Tompkins, Frederick
Honey, Samuel R.	Turner, Henry E.
King, David	Turner, Henry E. Jr.
Mason, George C.	Wales, George W.
Norman, Stephen H.	Ward, A. Judson
Ward, Henry N.	

and eight proprietors were represented by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

George Bancroft,	George F. Crandall,
Helen Beeckman,	Henry D. Deblois,
Henry Williams Cooke,	Daniel B. Fitts,
Mary E. Nicolai.	

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

Letters were read from Messrs. Charles H. Russell, Sidney Brooks, George Peabody Wetmore and Nathan H. Gould, who have all been members of the Board of Directors for many years, severally resigning their places as Directors and declining re-election, and while they express their cordial good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Institution, they entertain the hope that vacancies thus or otherwise occurring will not be filled until the Board is reduced considerably below its present unwieldy proportions.

On motion of Mr. Higginson it was *Voted* that the Company elect twenty-one Directors for the ensuing year.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors :

William H. Ashhurst,	Augustus N. Littlefield,
John T. Bush,	Seth W. Macy,
Samuel W. Butler,	Charles H. Malcom,

William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	Robert M. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	Daniel Parish, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Austin L. Sands,
Thomas W. Higginson,	William P. Sheffield,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Job T. Langley,	Henry E. Turner,
Charles C. Van Zandt.	

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *Voted* That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor, but that a discount of 5 per cent. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before January 1st, 1876.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

The following Resolution, presented by Samuel R. Honey, Esq., was lost by a vote of 5 yeas and 12 nays.

Resolved, that whenever ten or more proprietors shall unite in a written request therefor, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to open the Library Building on Sundays between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. for the use of proprietors and subscribers only, provided that a suitable person can be found to take charge and preserve order without any expense to the Company.

But nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the issuing of books, or to compel the attendance of the Librarian or his assistant.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1876.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, respectfully submit a REPORT for the year ending the 27th day of September, 1876.

The most important question which came before the Board of Directors during the past year, was, how shall the Company provide for its liabilities incident to the enlargement of the Library Building?

For a clear understanding of this grave question, it is proper that we give a retrospective glance at the recorded action of the Directors and of the Company during that period.

At the last annual meeting, the Directors were authorized to finish the building then in process of construction, "provided the whole cost of the same from beginning to completion, lighted, heated and furnished, should not exceed thirty-one thousand dollars."

The Reports of the Architect and of the Committee on Enlargement, which were made to a Directors' meeting on the 10th of October, 1875, represented that the addition was nearly finished, and would be ready for occupation in a few weeks. It must not be overlooked, that the construction of it involved the necessity of making repairs and alterations in the original building and centre room; therefore, at a meeting of the Directors on the 13th of December, 1875, the President was ordered to call a special meeting of the Company, that the Directors might obtain

authority to provide means to pay for such repairs and alterations as were necessary. A special meeting of the Company was accordingly called for the 22d of December, 1875, when it was voted that the Directors hire six thousand dollars for completing the work on the new building, pursuant to the vote passed at the annual meeting of September 29, 1875, and the further sum of one thousand dollars for repairs and alterations of the old building, and for other purposes.

To carry out that design, in legal form, another special meeting of the Company was held on the 28th of December, 1875, and it was then voted, that the Treasurer hire six thousand dollars for a period not exceeding one year, with interest not to exceed six per cent; and the further sum of seven hundred dollars for a period not exceeding one year, and at a rate of interest not over seven per cent.—These votes were substituted for the previous vote of December 22d, 1875. There was no difficulty in borrowing the money, and it has been used as contemplated.

The Committee on Enlargement reported to the Directors on the 14th of February, 1876, that the work entrusted to them was brought to a close, and they presented a detailed statement of all expenses connected with it from its inception to that day.

The total expenditure was \$31,696.03, being the precise amount received from all sources, and leaving the Company in debt six thousand seven hundred dollars for borrowed money; an expenditure justified by circumstances, and sanctioned by the votes of the Directors and of the Company.

After the Committee on Enlargement and Repairs had explained their action during their term of duty, it was voted, on motion of Dr. Henry E. Turner, that the thanks

of the Directors be presented to the Committee for their faithful and laborious services.

The amount of debt was necessarily a source of anxiety to the friends of the Library, and various suggestions have been made as to the best way of cancelling it. Among them was the following, which Dr. King was requested to introduce at a meeting of the Directors on the 12th of June last :

“ In view of the necessity of obtaining means for the payment of the principal and interest of the indebtedness of the Company, and for needful repairs, etc., it is deemed expedient to apply to the Legislature for authority to issue ‘special shares,’ of \$100 each, and to obtain subscriptions for such an amount of them as required.

“ That a Committee be now appointed to prepare a Petition and Bill embracing the following amendments of the Charter :

“ The Directors be authorized, in their discretion, to issue one hundred additional ‘special shares,’ of the par value of \$100 each, which, like those authorized by Act of 1867, shall be exempted from all assessments and taxes by the Corporation, the proceeds of which shares shall be used in the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Library Company, and for such repairs and further improvements in their Building as are necessary. No more shares of \$25 shall be created, nor re-issued, and while each one of such shares now existing in the hands of share-holders shall continue to enjoy its one vote, the holder of each ‘special share’ of \$100 shall be also entitled to the equitable right of one vote for each \$25 paid upon such ‘special share.’

“ To enable the holders of \$25 shares to consolidate them into the larger shares, an increased number of \$100 ‘special shares’ may be asked for.”

This paper was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Directors. The Committee consisted of Dr. David King, Rev. Charles H. Malcom, Col. Thomas W. Higginson, William H. Ashhurst, Esq., and Dr. Henry E. Turner.

That Committee at the monthly meeting of the Directors on the 10th of last July, reported, "that they had unanimously decided, that it would be inexpedient to adopt it, (that is, the plan for special shares,) for the reason that it would give to the new share-holders a greater proportionate power or privilege than belonged to extra share-holders." The report was laid upon the table, to be called up at the next regular meeting of the Board, if expedient.

At a Directors' meeting on the 14th of August, 1876, Dr. Henry E. Turner offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, as the opinion of this Board, that it was expedient to sell a piece of land in the rear of the Library Building, and that we recommend to the Corporation that a Committee be appointed with instructions and authority to dispose of a Lot, not exceeding seventy feet in width, at a price not less than one dollar per square foot, of which any amount exceeding our present indebtedness shall be funded, and the proceeds applied only to the liquidation of current expenses."

This proposition, after brief discussion, was rejected, for a variety of cogent reasons, which it is not proposed to embody in this Report, as we anticipate that it may be renewed at the annual meeting of the share-holders, for their consideration.

These are the only plans which have been formally acted on by the Board of Directors.

We are indebted to the liberality of many resident and other valued friends for various donations to the

Library; especially to the Hon. Henry B. Anthony, and the Hon. Ambrose E. Burnside, Senators from Rhode Island in the Congress of the United States; the Hon. Benjamin T. Eames, Representative in Congress from this District; Hon. William Hunter, 2d Assistant Secretary of State, and Brig. Gen. A. A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, Col. T. W. Higginson, and Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., of Newport.

Among the contributions to the Library, there were two of peculiar interest, and for which the President was directed to send suitable letters of acknowledgment.

The late Henry T. Tuckerman, (whose literary works were added to our Library last year, by the liberality of his sister,) composed a few impressive lines on the death of President Lincoln. These were copied by Mrs. Richard M. Hunt, of this city, in an elaborate and ornamental style, then framed and offered to this institution for acceptance. On receipt of this interesting work of art and of poetic genius, a letter was addressed to Mrs. Hunt, of which the following is a copy:

REDWOOD LIBRARY,
NEWPORT, *August 16th, 1876.*

MADAM,—The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have requested me to acknowledge the receipt of the illuminated copy of the lines composed by the late Henry T. Tuckerman, on the death of the lamented ABRAHAM LINCOLN, so kindly presented by you to the Library, and which have the additional charm of being illustrated by your artistic taste and skill. Be pleased to accept the cordial thanks of the Directors for this valued and delicate token of your regard for an ancient institution of Newport. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

MRS. RICHARD M. HUNT, *Bellevue Avenue.*

The other donation to which reference has been made, was from George P. Lawton, Esq., of Troy, N. Y. He was the owner of a portrait of the celebrated POLLY LAWTON, one of the distinguished belles of Newport in the Revolutionary period, and by a letter addressed to Col. T. W. Higginson, on the 28th of June last, he desired to know if this Association would accept it.

In a subsequent letter, in reply to one from the Librarian, notifying him that the Directors had voted to accept this charming portrait, Mr. Lawton writes, "I am very much gratified at its acceptance, not only on account of my family, (which, until the last generation, lived in Newport ever since the first Lawton came to this country,) but because I take a deep interest in the past and present of that historic town."

A letter, of which the following is a copy, was then transmitted to Mr. Lawton :

REDWOOD LIBRARY,
NEWPORT, *August 14th, 1876.*

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held this day, I was instructed to inform you that the portrait of the beautiful POLLY LAWTON, which you were pleased to present to this Library, had been received, and to express their great obligation to you for the opportunity of adding to their collection this admirable presentment of one of the historic women of Newport.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
President.

GEORGE P. LAWTON, ESQ.,
Counsellor at Law, Troy, N. Y.

I trust to be excused, if, in this connection, I introduce a passage or two from the Memoirs of Count Seguin, who was with the French troops in Newport under De Rochambeau.

After referring in terms of admiration to the "modest and handsome women" and "enlightened men" in the "delightful" society of Newport, he writes,

"My longest visits were paid to an old man, very silent, who very seldom bared his thoughts, and never bared his head. His gravity and monosyllable conversation announced at first that he was a Quaker. It must be confessed, in spite of all the veneration I felt for his virtues, our first interview would probably have been our last, had I not seen the door of the drawing-room suddenly open, and a being which resembled a nymph, rather than a woman, enter the apartment. So much beauty, so much simplicity, so much elegance, and so much modesty, were, perhaps never combined in the same person. It was Polly Leighton, (the way it was then pronounced, but it was always spelt Lawton,) the daughter of my grave Quaker. Her gown was white, like herself, while her ample muslin neckerchief, and the envious cambric of her cap, which scarcely allowed me to see her light colored hair, and the modest attire, in short, of a pious virgin, seemed vainly to endeavor to conceal the most beautiful form imaginable. Her eyes appeared to reflect, as in a mirror, the meekness and purity of her mind, and the goodness of her heart. She received us with an open ingenuity which delighted me, and the use of the familiar word 'thou' which the rules of her sect prescribed, gave to our acquaintance the appearance of an old friendship."

After reciting portions of an interesting conversation in which she mildly rebuked him for coming "to fight the

English ;" and modestly maintaining that all war was inhuman, the Count writes, " What could I reply to that angel? for, in truth, I was tempted to believe that she was a celestial being. Certain it is, that, if I had not been married and happy, I should, whilst coming to defend the liberty of the American, have lost my own at the feet of Polly Leighton."—[*Peterson's History of Rhode Island*, 141-2.]

In this connection it may be added that our very large number of portraits and pictures has been cleaned and put up at an expense of about seventy-five dollars. They occupy a great portion of the walls of the new structure, and somewhat interfere with the proper accommodation of the twenty-one thousand volumes constituting the Library. The enlargement was judiciously designed to be fitted up with galleries for books, and not as a gallery for pictures, whenever we were possessed of sufficient funds; until then, there is no great probability that effective measures can be adopted to limit the use of the building to those habitués of the Library who resort to it for quiet reading or literary investigations.

By vote of the Directors on the 10th of last April, Dr. DAVID KING was requested to prepare a short sketch of the history of the Library for the Centennial volume, as recommended by the Hon. T. P. Stockwell, Commissioner of Public Schools of Rhode Island. Dr. King promptly prepared such a sketch which has been printed, and is now ready for distribution.

This sketch was condensed as much as possible, in order to accommodate it to the special purpose for which it was solicited. Its destination will secure it a circulation wider than that of the usual Annual Report of the Directors, and therefore we may fairly hope it will prove advantageous to the Library.

The Directors recall with great pleasure the repeated, quiet and unsolicited contributions to our resources by Henry Morris, Esq., of Philadelphia. Very recently he offered one hundred dollars to be used for laying a flag-stone walk from the front gate to the steps of the building. This proffered donation for so useful a purpose was gratefully accepted, and the work has been completed within the estimate of the considerate donor.

The number of books at the date of the last Annual Report was 21,303

Since added,

By purchase,	184
By gift,	217
By binding periodicals and pamphlets,	21

Total number, Sept 1, 1876,	21,725
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Forty-two pamphlets have been given during the last twelve months.

The number of books circulated for the year ending Sept. 1, 1875, was 11,756.

The receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending the 11th of September, 1876, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

As per Treasurer's Report,	\$30,264.91
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EXPENDITURES.

As per Treasurer's Report,	29,981.47
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Balance on hand September 11, 1876,	\$283.44
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In conclusion, the Directors beg leave to add, that they deemed it a duty to invite attention to the financial condition of the Company. They have no reason to apprehend that any serious consequences will result from its

indebtedness. On the contrary, they believe that its prospect for the future is bright and encouraging; that the daily augmenting attractions of the Library will insure the regard of the public, the sympathy of the student, and that it will in days to come as in those of the past, receive such material aid, as will clear it of all pecuniary responsibility incurred for the necessary enlargement of the edifice. It will then be very easy to confine its current expenditures within its income, without sacrificing any important interest, or impairing its usefulness.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, September 27, 1876.

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Redwood Library and Athenaeum in acct. with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.

Athenæum in acct. with Job T.
(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

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Sept. 11.	To payments Gibbs Building Fund,	\$25,340 93
" "	" " for the Book Account,	\$34 90
" "	" " Expense Account,	2,192 97
" "	" " to B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,	1,200 00
" "	" " J. H. Riley, Clerk,	66 67
" "	" " F. T. Southwick, do.,	96 00
" "	" Deposits in Savings Bank for 3 Special Shares sold,	250 00
" "	" Balance credited New Account,	283 44
		<hr/> \$30,264 91

		AMOUNT DUE.
Note to Samuel Brown, dated Dec. 28, 1875,		
one year, with interest at 6 per cent., for		
Note to Henry W. Vernon, dated Dec. 28, 1875,		
one year, with interest at 7 per cent., for	700	\$6,700

Sept. 11.	By bal. transferred by Thos. P. Peckham, late Treas.,	\$152 51
Sept. 11.	Received for 220 Annual Taxes,	1,085 25
" "	" " 36 Subscriptions,	201 00
" "	" " Fines and extra books taken out	
" "	for year ending Sept. 8, 1876,	48 55
" "	" " 3 Special Shares sold	1,334 80
" "	from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	250 00
" "	" " W. S. Rogers	599 81
" "	" " George G. King	731 55
" "	" " Robert Rogers	177 55
" "	" " Special Shore Fund,	66 37
" "	" " Gibbs Building	803 01
" "	Cash loaned of S. Brown,	19,319 31
" "	" " H. W. Vernon,	6,000 00
" "	" " Gift of Henry Morris,	700 00
" "	" " H. Morris, stone walk,	20 00
" "	" " Jos. J. Cooke, for 3 duplicates,	100 00
" "		10 00
Sept. 11.	By bal. old account deposited in Bank of R. I.,	<hr/> \$30,264 91
E. E.	JOB T. LANGLEY, Treasurer.	283 44

		MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.
Sept. 11.	One U. S. Regist'd Bond, R. Rogers Fund,	\$1,000
" "	Deposits in Savings Bank, G. G. King Book Fund,	1,000
" "	" " " W. S. Rogers	4,000
" "	" " " J. Carter Brown	5,000
" "	" " " Special Share Fund,	3,159 56
		<hr/> \$16,159 56

Newport, R. I., Sept. 26, 1876.

same and find them correct.
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.
JOHN S. ENGS.

The following is a list of all the GIFTS to the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year :

- Anderson, Miss M. M., 1 vol.
 Anthony, Hon. Henry B. 2 vols.
 Boston Athenaeum, 1 vol.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
 Brinley, Hon. Francis 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Brooks, Rev. C. T. 21 vols.
 Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1 vol.
 Bush, Mrs. John T. Liberal Christian and Christian Register continued.
 Butler, Dr. Samuel W. 6 vols.
 Calvert, George H. 3 vols. "Academy," "Publisher's Weekly," Popular Science Monthly," continued.
 Case, Admiral A. Ludlow 1 vol.
 Caswell, Prof. Alexis 1 pph.
 Childs, G. W. of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
 Clarke, Thomas H. 1 vol.
 Colt, Mrs. Samuel of Hartford, 1 vol.
 Cooke, Joseph J. 52 vols.
 Crocker, E. A. 2 vols.
 Crooker, Miss 2 vols.
 Dall, Mrs. 1 vol.
 "Domestic Monthly," gift of Walter Sherman, continued.
 Dunham, Howard of Winthrop, Mass., 1 vol.
 Eldred, John 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W. 2 vols., 3 pphs.
 Gammell, Mrs. William, 1 vol.
 Gibbs, Frederick A. of San Francisco, 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Miss J. 1 pph.
 Greene, Dr. S. Abbott of Boston, 4 pphs.
 Harper, J. W. of New York, 1 vol.
 Harvard College, 1 pph.
 Higginson, Col. Thomas W. 38 vols. 6 pphs. 2 lith. portraits, "Western" and "Woman's Journal," continued.
 Home Journal, New York, per Geo. Perry and M. Phillips, continued.

- Honey, Samuel R. "Christian Union," Country Gentleman,"
and "The South" continued.
- Hunt, Mrs. Richard M. Illuminated Stanza, framed.
- Hunter, Hon. William of Washington, 6 vols. and Geographical
and Political Atlas, folio.
- "Index," gift of publishers.
- La Farge, John 15 vols. 11 mags.
- Lawrence, Mass. Public Library, Bulletins continued.
- Malcom, Rev. Charles H. 1 vol., 5 pphs.
- Mason, George C. Jr. 1 pph.
- Mass. Board of Health, 1 vol., 1 pph.
- "Narragansett Weekly," per. G. B. and J. H. Utter, continued.
- "New Jerusalem Messenger," gift of publishers, continued.
- Newport City, 1 vol.
- New York Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol.
- Parish, Daniel Jr. 1 vol. 4to.
- Peckham, Charles B. 4 vols.
- Peckham, William G. Jr. 1 vol.
- Potter, Mrs. Charles 1 vol.
- Potter, Mrs. Edward N. 1 vol.
- Providence R. I. City, 1 vol.
- Providence R. I. County Court House, 1 vol. folio.
- Religio-Philos. Journal, gift of publisher, continued.
- Rhode Island, State of, per Hon. J. M. Addeman, 1 vol., 1 pph.
- Riley, Joseph H. 4 vols.
- Salem, Mass. Essex Inst., Bulletin, continued.
- San Francisco, City of, 1 vol.
- Smithsonian Institute, 2 vols.
- Still, William 3 vols.
- Stout, Francis A. 1 pph.
- Swinburne, Hon. Wm. J. 1 pph.
- Tompkins, Hamilton B. 1 vol.
- United States, per Hon. B. T. Eames, 16 vols.
- " " Coast Survey, 1 vol.
- " " Engineer Department, 6 vols. 4to.
- " " Interior Department, 36 vols.
- " " "Patent Office Gazette" continued.
- " " State Department, 2 vols. 1 pph.

- Van Horne, Rev. M. 1 vol.
Wales, George W. of Boston, 1 vol.
Ward, C. H. of New York, 1 vol.
Waring, Col. George E. Jr. 2 vols. 5 large Lithographs.
Waring, Mrs. G. E. Jr. 1 vol.
Wetmore, George Peabody 87 vols.
Wharton, Mrs. Deborah F. 1 vol.
Wilkinson, Rev. Israel 1 vol.
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C. 1 vol. 1 pph.
Woolsey, Miss Sarah 1 vol. "Saturday Review," and "Nation"
continued.
Wormeley, Miss K. P. 2 vols.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF 'SPECIAL SHARES' OF \$100,
exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	\$100	\$25		\$100	\$25
	sh.	sh.		sh.	sh.
Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.		1	Callender, Elizabeth		1
Allan, Erastus P.		1	Calvert, George H.		1
Allan, William S. N.		1	Campbell, George J.		1
Almy, Margarette G.		1	Carey, John		1
Anderson, Martha M.	1		Case, A. Ludlow		1
Anderson, Rosalie Redwood	1		Caswell, John R.		1
Ashhurst, William H.	1		Caswell, Philip	1	1
Atkinson, James		1	Chase, Gilbert (Estate)		1
Bailey, Joseph I.		1	Chase, Sarah I.		1
Bailey, Samuel C.		1	Child, William S.		1
Baker, A. Prescott,		1	Clarke, Harriet		2
Bancroft, George		1	Clarke, Thomas H.		4
Barber, Charles P.		1	Clarke, William A.		1
Barker, Robert S.		2	Coddington, Charles B.		1
Barreda, F. L.		8	Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)		1
Beck, Henry Paul (Estate)		1	Coggeshall, John S.		1
Beeckman, Helen	1		Coggeshall, Thomas		1
Berry Mrs. M. T.		2	Congdon, John C.		1
Bliss William H.		1	Congdon, William P.		1
Boit, Edward D.		4	Cook, George I. (Estate)		1
Bowen George,		1	Cooke, Henry W.	1	
Bowen, Stephen (Estate)		1	Cooke, Joseph J.	1	
Bowler, William T.		1	Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.		1
Bradford, Joseph		1	Cornell, Richard	1	
Breese, Thomas (Estate)		1	Cornell, William		1
Brinley, Edward H.		1	Cottrell, Michael		1
Brinley, Edward L.		4	Cottrell, Silas H.		1
Brinley, Francis		1	Cozzens, George		2
Bronson, Arthur		1	Cozzens, Henry W.		1
Brooks, Charles T.	1		Cozzens, John H.		1
Brooks, Sidney,	1	6	Cozzens, William C.	1	2
Brown, Mrs. Grace		1	Crandall, George F.		1
Brown, John Carter, (Estate)		1	Deblois, Henry D.		1
Brown, Samuel		1	Deblois John S.		1
Brownell, William		1	D'Hauterville, Mrs. S. W.		1
Buffum, Thomas B.		1	Dennis, John D.		1
Bull, Henry		1	Denniston, George Jr.		1
Burdick, J. Truman		1	Dumont, Elizabeth S.		1
Bush, Augustus		1	Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)		1
Bush, John T.		2	Dunn, Thomas		1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	2	Edgar, William		1
Cahoone, Stephen, (Estate)		1	Ellery, Mary G. & H. C.		1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1		Engs, George		1

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	\$100	\$25		\$100	\$25
	sh.	sh.		sh.	sh.
Engs, John S.		1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)		1
Engs, Samuel		1	Lawrence, William Beach		9
Ennis, Caroline W.		1	Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)		1
Fay, Henry H.		1	Lawton, Edward W.		1
Fearing, George Richmond	1		Lawton, George,		1
Field, John W.		1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)		1
Finch, Benjamin		1	Ledyard, Henry	1	
Fitts, Daniel B.	1		Ledyard, Lewis Cass		1
Fludder, James		5	LeMont, Mary D. (Mrs. Wilbur)		1
Fludder, William		1	Leverett, William		1
Foster, John	1	2	Littlefield, Augustus N.		1
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)		4	Lynan, Charles Frederic		1
Gibbs, George W.	1		Lyon, Joseph (Estate)		1
Gibbs, Sarah (Mrs. Thompson)	1		Lyon, Joseph M.		1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1		McCurdy, Robert H.	1	
Gilpin, William		1	Macy, Seth W.	1	1
Goffe, Augustus		1	Malcom, Charles Howard	1	
Goffe, Emma		1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)		1
Gould, David J.		3	Mason, Earl P. (Estate)	1	2
Gould, Nathan H.		1	Mason, George C.		1
Gould, Stephen		1	Mason, Robert M.		1
Gray, Louisa F.		1	Matthews, Nathan	1	
Green, George W. (Estate)		1	Mauran, James E.		1
Greene, John H.		1	Melvill, Benjamin S.		1
Greene, Nathaniel		1	Middleton, Henry A.		1
Griswold, John N. A.		4	Morgan, Edwin D.	1	
Gyles, Charles (Estate)		1	Morris, Henry		1
Hall, George (Estate)		1	Morris, Wistar		1
Hamilton, William		1	Munro, Rebecca (Mrs. J. Finch)		1
Hammett, Charles E. Jr.		2	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.		1
Hammett, Elizabeth		1	Newton, Clara		1
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1		Newton, Dudley		1
Hammett, James H.		1	Newton, Mrs. Hannah C.		1
Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)		1	Newton, Mary H.		1
Hammond, Zenas L.		1	Nicolai, Mary E.		1
Hart, Joseph M.		3	Norman, George H.	1	
Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)		1	Norman, Stephen H.	1	2
Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.		1	Paine, John		2
Hazard, Charlotte Thayer		1	Parkman, George F.	1	3
Hazard, Henry Bond		1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1	
Hazard, Isaac Peace		3	Pearson, John (Estate)		1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1		Peckham, Edward W.		1
Hazard, John Alfred		1	Peckham, Felix		1
Hazard, John Alfred est. of T. G.		1	Peckham, George H.		1
Hazard, Rowland R.		4	Peckham, Henry S.		1
Hazard, Theophilus Dunn		1	Peckham, Job A.		1
Hazard, Thomas Hull		1	Peckham, M. E. (Mrs. Packard)		1
Hazard, Thomas R.		1	Peckham, Thomas P.		1
Higginson, Thomas Wentworth		5	Peckham, William G. Jr.		2
Hoffman, Susan Ogden		2	Pell-Clarke, Leslie		1
Hone, Robert S.	1		Pell, Mrs. Walden		1
Honey, Samuel R.		2	Perkins, Charles C.		1
Hopkin, Hamilton	1	3	Phinney, Theodore W.		2
Horton, Jeremiah W.		1	Pierson, Mrs. Susan Augusta	1	3
Howland, Benjamin B.		1	Potter, Charles		1
Hunter, Charles (Estate)		2	Powel, Samuel	1	
Hunter, Rebecca E.		1	Pray, Harley W.		1
Hunter, Thomas R.		1	Ray, Robert	2	
Ives, Robert H. (Estate)		4	Reynolds, Gardner B.		1
Kane, Delancey (Estate)		8	Rhineland, Frederic W.		1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	3	Rhoades, Benjamin Hurd		1
King, Caroline (Estate)		1	Richardson, John D.		1
King, David		5	Richmond, George A.		1
King, Edward (Estate)		5	Rider, Philip		1
King, George Gordon		1	Riley, Henry C.		1
King, William H.		7	Robeson, Andrew (Estate)		3
Ladd, John W.		1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1	3
Langley, Job T.		1	Russell, Charles H.	1	4
Langley, William Corey		1	Sands, Austin Ledyard	1	

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	sh.	sh.		sh.	sh.
Sanford, Henry S.	1		Terrill, George		1
Sanford, William H.		1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia		1
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Seabury, Thomas Mumford		1	Tilton, Frederic W.		1
Seabury, William Gammell		1	Tompkins, Frederick		1
Sears, David (Estate)	1		Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1	
Sheffield, William P.	1		Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)		4
Sherman, Albert K.		1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.		1
Sherman, Anthony S.		1	Townsend, Edmund J.		1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)		1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)		1
Sherman, Isaac, (of N. Y.)	1		Tucker, William W.	1	
Sherman, Robert		1	Turner, Henry E.		1
Sherman, William		1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.		1
Simmons, Philip (Estate)		1	Tweedy, Edmund		2
Smith, Alfred	1		Underwood, Chas. W. (Estate)		1
Smith, William H.		1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander	1	1
Southwick, J. McK.		1	Van Zandt, Charles Collins		1
Spooner, Charles		1	Vernon, Samuel B.		1
Spooner, Edwin G.		1	Vernon, William (Estate)		1
Spooner, W. H. D.		1	Wales, George W.	1	
Staigg, Richard M.	1		Ward, Adoniram Judson		1
Stanton, Robert H.		1	Ward, Henry N.		1
Stevens, Mrs. Adele L. S.	1		Weaver, George B.		1
Stevens, David		1	Wetmore, A. D. (Mrs. Sherman)	1	
Stevens, Wm. (Estate)		1	Wetmore, Edith K. M.		1
Stevens, William G.		1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1	
Stewart, Anthony		1	Wetmore, Samuel	1	1
Stoddard, John C.		1	Wetmore, Wm. Boerum	1	1
Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris		1	Wilbour, Mary Ann		1
Swinburne, Daniel T. (Estate)		1	Willard, E. W.		1
Taylor, John J.		1	Willett, Edward M. (Estate)	1	
Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1		Wilson, George H.		1
Taylor, William Rogers		1	Wormeley, Katharine P.		1

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

Made September 26th, 1877,

TO THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

ORIGINATED A. D. 1730,—INCORPORATED BY CHARTER A. D. 1747.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
DIRECTORS

OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1877.



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1877-8.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 26th, 1877.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 1877.

At the hour appointed, HON. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Wm. H. Ashhurst,	Chas. F. Lyman,
Francis Brinley,	Seth W. Macy,
Chas. T. Brooks,	Geo. C. Mason,
Wm. A. Clarke,	Chas. B. Peckham,
Wm. P. Congdon,	Thos. P. Peckham,
Joseph J. Cooke,	Benj. H. Rhoades,
Henry H. Fay,	Geo. F. Richmond,
David King,	Fred. W. Tilton,
George G. King,	Frederick Tompkins,
Le Roy King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Charles E. Hammett,	Henry E. Turner.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

A. Prescott Baker,	Henry Bedlow,
Anna F. Hunter.	

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the following gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year :

President—FRANCIS BRINLEY.

Vice-President—CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Directors:

William H. Ashhurst,	Augustus N. Littlefield.
John T. Bush,	Seth W. Macy,
Samuel W. Butler,	Charles H. Malcom,
William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	Robert M. Mason,
George W. Gibbs,	Daniel Parish, Jr.,
William Gilpin,	Austin L. Sands,
Thomas W. Higginson,	William P. Sheffield,
David King,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Le Roy King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Job T. Langley,	Henry E. Turner,
Charles C. Van Zandt.	

Treasurer—JOB T. LANGLEY.

Secretary—BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

It was *Voted* That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

Annual Report for 1877.

In obedience to a vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the President, on their behalf, submits a report for the year ending the twenty-sixth day of September, 1877.

Notwithstanding the recently increased facilities for literary investigations accorded to the citizens of Newport, the frequent donations to the Library, and the large numbers of those who avail themselves of our collection for pleasant reading or careful study, give assurance that this venerable institution retains the regard of our community.

The volumes and works of art of which we have been the recipients during the past twelve months, have been numerous, and some of them costly. Several of the donations, from their intrinsic value, or from some peculiar circumstance connected with their presentation, required and received more than formal return of thanks.

Such an acknowledgment was made to Mrs. Lucy Tuckerman, of Paris, sister of the lamented Henry T. Tuckerman, who supplemented her former gift of a casket containing all the productions of his fertile pen, by the presentation of an elegant volume of rare and valuable engravings of the likenesses of Washington, which he had laboriously collected, and admirably arranged.

Similar acknowledgments were made to Mrs. William R. Travers, of New York, for a number of books and pamphlets, and for two spirited bronze race-horses.

To Mrs. Augustus L. Whiting, of New York, for a large Megaletoscope, with many picturesque views. To David Gould, Esq., of Newport, for a quaint old oak chair, supposed to have belonged to Gov. Benedict Arnold, who was a President under the first Patent to Rhode Island, and the first Governor under the Royal Charter. To Albert Glover, Esq., of Boston, executor of the will of the late John E. Allston, who bequeathed to the Redwood Library a portrait of his grandfather, Robert Rogers, which was painted by Washington Allston, when a student in Harvard College.

The following letter was addressed to Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., of Providence, on the 8th of last January :

“MY DEAR MR. COOKE :

It gives me peculiar pleasure to comply with the vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum passed at their meeting on yesterday, requesting me to tender their thanks for your liberal gift of the nine large folio volumes of Lord Kingsborough, on the Antiquities of Mexico, and for the elegant reprint of Shakespeare's Comedies, &c., from the rare edition of 1623. For this fresh manifestation of your desire to increase the attractions and value of our Library, be pleased to accept the cordial acknowledgments of the Board of Directors, and of your friend and obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*”

On the 25th of March last, Admiral William Rogers Taylor addressed a letter to the Librarian, of which the following is a transcript :

“DEAR SIR :—

By authority of Charles Rogers, D. D., LL. D., Secretary and Historiographer of the Royal Society of London, I have the honor to present, in his name, to the Redwood Library, a copy of his ‘Leaves from my Autobiography.’

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

WM. ROGERS TAYLOR.”

By order of the Directors the President thus acknowledged its receipt :

" NEWPORT, R. I., March 27th, 1877.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on behalf of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, of this city, of your interesting volume entitled, "Leaves from my Autobiography," by the hands of Admiral William Rogers Taylor, of the United States Navy.

Among the benefactors of this Library may be found the surnames of several which are identical with your own: MISS ELIZA J. ROGERS, of Philadelphia, presented a portrait of her father, the Rev. Dr. William Rogers, of that city, who was a native of Newport. It was a copy painted by her from a life size portrait, by the celebrated artist, Rembrandt Peale.

In 1871 the Library received a benefaction from MRS. MARIA DEWOLF ROGERS, consisting of \$3,000 worth of rare and valuable books, and a special fund of \$1,000, the income to be applied only for the purchase of books. The benefaction is to be perpetually held as a memorial of the late Robert Rogers, of Bristol, R. I. Another Mr. Robert Rogers, formerly lived in Newport, and was Librarian of this institution from 1812 to 1831.

Your greater genealogical learning will enable you to determine if these liberal persons were connected with your family. With thanks for your kindness,

I am very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

To Rev. CHARLES ROGERS, LL. D., London."

REGULATIONS.

Soon after the election of the present Board of Directors, it was considered expedient to provide by a Rule, "that no papers, "magazines, journals, books or other printed matter, shall be "placed on the tables, desks, or shelves of this Library, by any "one, without the sanction or approval of the Committee on "Books."

With a watchful eye to the pecuniary necessities of the Library, the following rates of subscription to its privileges were established: \$3 for 2 months; \$4 for 3 months; \$5 for 6 months; \$6 for 12 months.

NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

This local association being without a building wherein to deposit its collections, made a proposition to the Directors in regard to a partial use of our edifice. Whereupon, it was

"Voted, That permission be granted to the 'Newport Historical Society,' to "place, under the direction of the Building Committee, two cases in the "Directors' Room, in which to deposit its books, collections and curiosities."

These cases have been constructed in harmony with the finish of the room, and the books, etc., of the Historical Society have been properly arranged in them.

NUMBER OF BOOKS, &c.

The number of books at the date of last Annual Report, was..... 21,725

Since added,

By purchase..... 207

By gift..... 178

By binding periodicals and pamphlets..... 57

Total number September 1, 1877..... 22,167

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending September 1, 1877, was..... 25

The number of books circulated for the same period, was..... 9,869

As ascertained by the diligence of the Librarian, they were on the following subjects:

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture.....	16	8. Law and Politics.....	20
2. Arts—Fine.....	94	9. Literature.....	617
3. Biography.....	681	10. Periodicals.....	595
4. Fiction and Juveniles.....	5,964	11. Philosophy—Mental.....	18
5. Geography and Explorations.....	581	12. " Moral.....	10
6. History.....	691	13. Poetry and Drama.....	203
7. Greek and Latin Classics.....	12	14. Science.....	234
		15. Theology.....	133

For an analysis of Books *purchased*, we are indebted to Col. T. W. Higginson, a member of the "Committee on Books."

Fiction.....	47 vols.	Poetry and Drama.....	11 vols.
History.....	44 "	Periodicals.....	9 "
Biography.....	38 "	Fine Arts.....	3 "
Geography and Travels.....	23 "	Law and Politics.....	2 "
General Literature.....	17 "		
Science.....	13 "		
			207 vols.

Col. Higginson very judiciously remarks: "It must be remembered that the Department of Fiction represents an expenditure per volume, which is less than half that of any other Department; a single volume of History sometimes costing as much as half a dozen novels."

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

for the fiscal year ending September 10th, 1877, by the report of the Treasurer, are as follows:

Receipts.....	\$3,867 24
Expenditures.....	4,751 41
Balance on hand at that date.....	884 20

Our careful Librarian has made an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for a year ending the first of October next, which will form part of this report.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the Library has received the anxious consideration of the Directors; indeed, it has been the engrossing topic of discussion at each of their meetings during the year.

To complete and equip the enlargement of this building, it became necessary to borrow the sum of six thousand and seven hundred dollars.

The serious and important subject of liquidating the debt, is now in charge of a Joint Special Committee of five Directors and seven Shareholders; the latter chosen at a meeting of the Company on the 21st of last June. Dr. King, Chairman of that Committee on the part of the Directors, submitted a very gratifying Report on the 24th instant. This report together with that submitted to the Company, by Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Shareholders, which gives the conditions upon which subscriptions were made, will be inserted in the Appendix.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

If the company were free of existing liabilities, it is not extravagant to assert that thereafter it would be self-sustaining. We must judge of the future by the past. Look, then, at the receipts and payments for the year, which will terminate on the first of next October, and judge if they do not warrant that assertion :

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
<i>From Oct. 1, 1876, to Oct. 1, 1877.</i>		<i>From Oct. 1, 1876 to Oct. 1, 1877.</i>	
Income from U. S. Bond.....	\$66 00	Advertising.....	\$7 37
“ “ special share fund, 311 04		Books, papers, periodicals....	603 02
“ “ Book fund.....	600 00	Binding.....	61 41
Taxes, temporary subscriptions		Coal.....	195 00
and extra books and fines....	1,350 00	Furnaces, care of.....	53 25
		Gas.....	60 00
		Expresses.....	10 40
	\$2,327 04	Interest.....	415 50
		Post Office.....	9 63
		Printing.....	76 25
		Repairs and Incidentals.....	136 05
		Salaries.....	1,344 00
			\$2,971 88
		Receipts.....	\$2,327 04
		Deficit.....	\$644 84
If the debt be paid, then the item of interest should be deducted.			\$415 50
Also the item of repairs.....			120 00
			\$535 50
The real deficit then would be.....			109 34
			\$644 84

The item of Insurance is omitted, as no payment was to be made this year.

If then the Library be rescued from its present indebtedness, with ordinary prudence for the future it should take care of itself. In this connection it may be added, that on the 24th instant the Treasurer presented a supplemental report showing that he had received the further sum of five hundred and thirty-five dollars from subscribers to the fund for payment of the debt of the Company. It appears then, that the note to Mr. Vernon for seven hundred dollars has been paid, and also one thousand dollars on the note to Mr. Brown; thus leaving but the sum of

four thousand dollars, (\$4,000) to be obtained for the extinguishment of the debt, provided the conditional subscriptions are paid.

The Joint Special Committee have had such success during the few months which have elapsed since its appointment, it is confidently believed that before another annual meeting of the Company shall take place, there will be no outstanding liability against it.

USE AND CARE OF FUNDS.

It is asked, now and then, if the current expenses cannot be diminished? The Directors have carefully investigated the subject. So long ago as last December a committee was appointed consisting of one member from each Standing Committee, to consider what means could be adopted for reducing the expenses of the Library. At the next meeting, January 8th, 1877, the Committee reported that it was "inexpedient at present to reduce expenses."

It must be obvious to any one who will examine facts and figures, that the current expenses cannot be cut down to any appreciable extent, unless it be by the disuse of coal and gas, which would be equivalent to a partial closing of the Library, and thus have an unfavorable effect on subscriptions and contributions. That the finances of the Company have been discreetly managed the preceding statement of income and expenses abundantly proves.

It is doubtful if there exists a corporation which provides more efficient safeguards for the security of its assets, and more stringent rules for their preservation and disbursement, than are adopted by the Redwood Library.

Suppose a member of the Company desires that a particular book should be purchased, he must recommend it to the "Committee on Books," and if they agree to buy it, then

First—The Secretary of that Committee must certify that the book was ordered, and that it had been received.

Second—This certificate is indorsed by the Chairman of the "Committee on Expenditures."

Third—The Treasurer then gives his check for the price, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Company.

Fourth—The Auditing Committee of the Directors report to the Board of Directors.

Fifth—The Auditing Committee of the Company report to the Company.

In addition to this machinery, the transaction is embraced in the monthly and the annual reports of the Treasurer. A like process obtains in regard to other expenditures. If there be a more cautious method, the Directors are not familiar with it.

In conclusion we have to concede the fact of an existing debt; it is our duty to provide for its extinguishment in some way which shall not be dishonorable to the Institution, nor oppressive to any individual member of the Company.

Of the various plans suggested to secure that result, a voluntary subscription presented the fewest objectionable features.

It will be wondrous strange if this peculiar institution of old Newport, ("that precious stone set in the silver sea,") which comes down to us laden with hallowed associations, should fail to receive the substantial aid which will lift it from its depressing sense of obligation into the elevating security of freedom from debt.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1877.

Appendix 1.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library:

The Committee appointed by the Directors, December 11, 1876, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of furnishing the new building and to pay off the indebtedness of the Library, beg to report: At their first meeting they decided to raise eight thousand dollars, which sum was deemed sufficient to supply the wants and to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation. In accordance with this view they issued a Circular February 26th, 1877, which was distributed among the Corporators and friends of the Library. While many of your Committee were hopeful of favorable responses to the circular, a meeting of the Corporation was legally assembled on the 21st of June, 1877, for the purpose of discharging the indebtedness of the Library by the sale of a portion of our land, if no other feasible project should be devised. It was decided not to sell the land, but to continue the appeal to the public in behalf of the Library. At that time the Corporation thought proper to appoint a committee of seven to co-operate with your Committee. Of the combined committee, Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., was appointed chairman, and Hamilton B. Tompkins, secretary. The Committee have thus far been very successful, having raised nearly four thousand dollars in cash and conditionally.

It is pleasant to recognize and to acknowledge these generous donations, in sums large and small, according it may be to the ability of the donors or of their sympathy in the high objects of the institution, or of their opinion of its genial influences upon this community. With this view there will be appended the list of subscribers as published in the *Daily News*. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

DAVID KING,

Chairman of the Committee of Directors.

September 24th, 1877.

Appendix 2.

The Committee appointed at a special meeting of the Shareholders of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held on the 21st day of June last, "to join with the Special Committee of the Directors to raise subscriptions to free the Library from indebtedness," respectfully report:

That, in connection with the Special Committee of the Directors, subscriptions have been obtained as follows:

Cash..... \$2,785 00

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer and includes \$500 subscribed on condition that no part of the land belonging to the Library shall be sold.

Conditional (other than above)..... 1,379 00

Total..... \$4,164 00

A list of the subscriptions with a statement of the conditions governing a portion of them is annexed hereto, and is made a part of this report.

The Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH J. COOKE,

Chairman.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1877.

AMOUNTS PAID.

Mrs. Edward King.....	\$400 00	Dr. Charles Davis.....	100 00
Miss Elizabeth S. King. 25 00		Mrs. John Carter Brown.....	250 00
Edward A. King..... 25 00		Dr. Samuel W. Butler.....	30 00
LeRoy King..... 25 00		Francis Brinley.....	50 00
George G. King..... 25 00	100 00	Mrs. Fred W. Stevens.....	100 00
The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.		Thomas F. Cushing.....	25 00
Joseph J. Cooke.....	100 00	Miss Ellen Mason.....	100 00
Henry W. Cooke.....	10 00	Miss Ida Mason.....	50 00
Thomas W. Higginson.....	10 00	George H. Norman.....	50 00
Samuel R. Honey.....	10 00	William W. Tucker.....	50 00
Clarence King.....	30 00	E. H. Schermerhorn.....	25 00
Charles P. Barber.....	10 00	W. P. Pepper.....	25 00
Wm. G. Williams, of Prov...	10 00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer	50 00
Thomas Dunn.....	100 00	Mrs. William Gammell.....	100 00
Mrs. M. E. Tompkins.....	5 00	L. P. Morton.....	25 00
Thomas B. Buffum.....	5 00	Miss Catherine L. Wolfe....	50 00
Benjamin Hazard of T. G....	10 00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case....	25 00
Fred. Tompkins.....	15 00	J. Smith Bryce.....	50 00
Samuel Brown.....	50 00	Mrs. Richard Baker.....	50 00
Daniel LeRoy.....	50 00	George C. Mason.....	25 00
Hamilton B. Tompkins.....	25 00	Edward F. Newton.....	10 00
Richard Cornell.....	50 00	F. W. Tilton and friend....	40 00
Augustus N. Littlefield.....	50 00	Charles Lyman.....	50 00
Thomas M. Seabury.....	25 00	Miss Ellen Townsend.....	200 00
Robert M. Mason.....	130 00	Henry H. Swinburne.....	10 00
John B. Newton.....	50 00	Total paid.....	\$2,785 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$8,000 is raised this Year, (1877.)

Joseph J. Cooke.....	\$150 00	T. W. Higginson and others....	\$75 00
Henry W. Cooke.....	50 00		

Subscriptions on condition that the whole debt is liquidated.

W. A. Clarke.....	\$266 00	Theodore K. Gibbs.....	\$100 00
Dr. David King.....	133 00	T. Bailey Myers.....	50 00
David King, Jr.....	100 00	F. W. Tilton.....	20 00
John Foster.....	100 00	S. W. Macy.....	25 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$5,000 is raised.

Miss Annie Hunter.....	\$100 00	Fred. Tompkins.....	\$35 00
Wm. P. Sheffield.....	100 00	Hamilton B. Tompkins.....	75 00

Total.....\$4,164 00

GIFTS

TO THE LIBRARY, GALLERY OF ART, AND CABINET OF CURI-
OSITIES, DURING THE YEAR.

Anagnos, M., of S. Bost., 2 vols.
Anthony, Hon. Henry B., 1 vol., 1 pph.
Ashhurst, Miss E., 2 vols.
Baker, A. Prescott, 1 vol.
Barrows, Rev. C. E., 2 pphs.
Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
Brinley, Hon. Francis, 2 vols.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 12 vols.
Burnside, Gen. A. E., Congressional Record,—Congressional Directory.
Bush, Mrs. John T., Christian Register, continued.
Butler, Dr. S. W., 1 vol.
Calvert, Hon. G. H., 1 vol. Popular Science Monthly and Supplement, contin-
ued. Publishers' Weekly, continued.
Chapman Albert, of Middlebury, Vt., 1 vol.
Chace, Wm. Leverett, 2 pphs.
Cobden Club, London, 8 Publications.
Cooke, Joseph J., 10 vols.
Cullum, Gen. Geo. W., 2 pphs.
Dow, Mrs. Wm. H., large map of Yedo.
Drowne, Henry T., of New York, 3 pphs.
Fitch, Hon. John, of New York, 3 pphs.
Gibbs, Frederic A., of San Francisco, 1 vol.
Gould, D. J., Chair of Gov. Arnold.
Gray, Rev. Zabriskie, 1 vol.
Greene, Dr. S. A., of Bost., 1 pph.
Hart, Charles H., of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
Higginson, Col. Thomas W., 28 vols., 1 pph. "Woman's Journal," continued.
"Home Journal," N. Y., per George Perry and M. Phillips, continued.
Honey, Samuel R., 1 vol., "South," continued.
Knight, Hon. Jabez C., Providence, 1 pph.
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
Lawrence, Abbott, of Boston, 1 vol.
Ledyard, Hon. Henry, 1 vol.
Lyon, Miss Angeline, 1 pph.

- Livermore, Rev. S. T., 1 vol.
 Mason, Robert M., 2 vols.
 Mass. Board of Health, 1 vol.
 Middletown, R. I., 1 vol.
 Moore, Mrs. Bloomfield, 2 vols.
 "Narragansett Weekly," G. B. and J. H. Utter, continued.
 "New Jerusalem Messenger," continued.
 Newport City, 1 vol.
 New York Chamber of Commerce, 1. vol.
 New York Mercantile Library, 1 vol.
 Osten-Sacken, Baron, 9 vols.
 Peckham, Charles B., 2 vols.
 Powel, Miss M. E., 19 vols.
 Powel, Hon. Samuel, Proceedings of Academy of Natural Science, continued.
 Providence Athenæum, 1 pph.
 Providence City, 1 vol.
 Religio-Philosophical Journal, continued.
 Rhode Island Hospital, per Rev. A. Caswell, 1 pph.
 Rhode Island State, per J. M. Addeman, 4 vols., 1 pph.
 Rodgers, Rear Admiral C. R. P., 1 vol.
 Rogers, Rev. Charles, of London, 1 vol.
 Rosenbush, J., of New York., large thermometer.
 Salisbury, Edward E., New Haven, 1 vol.
 Sheffield, Hon. Wm. P., 2 vols.
 Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., 4 vols.
 Southwick, F. T., 1 vol.
 Taylor, Admiral W. R., 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 2 vols.
 Travers, Mrs. Wm. R., 21 vols, 2 bronze horses.
 Tuckerman, Mrs. Joseph, Paris. 1 folio of 67 Portraits of Washington.
 Turner, Dr. H. E., 1 vol.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, Review, continued.
 United States, per Hon. B. T. Eames, 8 vols.
 United States Bureau of Education, 1 vol.
 United States Engineer Department, 4 vols.
 United States Interior Department, 2 vols.
 United States Library of Congress, 1 vol.
 United States Naval Observatory, 2 vols.
 United States Patent Office, Official Gazette, continued.
 United States State Department, per Wm. Hunter, 4 vols.
 United States Treasury Department, 1 vol.
 United States War Department, 1 vol.
 Waring, Col. George E., 1 vol.
 Wetmore, Lieut. W. B., Metric Chart.
 Wharton, Mrs. Deborah F., of Philadelphia, 10 vols.
 Whiting, Mrs. Augustus, large Megalethoscope, and 18 transparent views in Venice.
 Williams, J. Appleby, 11 photographs to illustrate Sheffield's Newport.
 Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 1 pph.

List of Proprietors.

1st. "OWNERS OF 'SPECIAL SHARES' OF \$100,
exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL
ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

	\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.		\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.
Ailman, Benjamin H., Jr....		1	Burdick, J. Truman.....		1
Allan, Erastus P.....		1	Bush, Augustus.....		1
Allan, William S. N.....		1	Bush John T.....		2
Anderson, Martha M.....	1		Butler, Samuel W.....	1	2
Anderson, Rosalie Redwood..	1		Cahoone Stephen, (Estate)...		1
Ashhurst, William H.....	1		Caldwell, William S., (Est.)..	1	
Atkinson, James.....		1	Callender, Elizabeth.....		1
Bailey, Joseph I., (Estate)...		1	Calvert, George H.....		1
Bailey, Samuel C.....		1	Campbell, George J.....		1
Baker, A. Prescott.....		1	Carey, John.....		1
Baker, Darius.....		1	Case, A. Ludlow.....		1
Bancroft, George.....		1	Caswell, John R.....		1
Barber, Charles P.....		1	Caswell, Philip.....	1	1
Barker, Robert S.....		2	Chase, Gilbert, (Estate).....		1
Barreda, F. L.....		8	Chase, Sarah L.....		1
Beck, Henry Paul, (Estate)...		1	Child, William S.....		1
Bedlow, Henry.....		1	Clarke, Harriet.....		1
Beeckman, Helen.....	1		Clarke, Thomas H.....		2
Berry, Mrs. M. T.....		2	Clarke William A.....		4
Bliss, William H.....		1	Coggeshall, D. M., (Estate)...		1
Boit, Edward D.....		4	Coggeshall, John S.....		1
Bowen, George.....		1	Coggeshall, Thomas.....		1
Bowen, Stephen, (Estate)...		1	Congdon, John C.....		1
Bowler, William T.....		1	Congdon, William P.....		1
Bradford, Joseph.....		1	Cook, George L., (Estate)....		1
Breese, Thomas, (Estate)....		1	Cooke, Henry W.....	1	
Brinley, Edward H.....		1	Cooke, Joseph J.....	1	
Brinley, Edward L.....		4	Cooke, Josiah P., Jr.....		1
Brinley, Francis.....		1	Cornell, Richard.....	1	
Bronson, Arthur.....		1	Cornell, William.....		1
Brooks, Charles T.....	1		Cottrell, Michael.....		1
Brooks, Sidney.....	1	6	Cottrell, Silas H.....		1
Brown, Mrs. Grace.....		1	Cozzens, George.....		2
Brown, John Carter, (Estate)		1	Cozzens, Henry W.....		1
Brown, Samuel.....		1	Cozzens John H.....		1
Brownell, William.....		1	Cozzens William C.....	1	2
Buffum, Thomas B.....		1	Crandall George F.....		1
Bull, Henry.....		1	Davis, Dr. Charles.....	1	

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	\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.		\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.
Deblois, Henry D.....		1	Hazard Thomas R.....		1
Deblois, John S.....		1	Higginson, Thomas Went-		
D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W....		1	worth.....		5
Dennis, John D.....		1	Hoffman, Susan Ogden.....		2
Denniston, George, Jr.....		1	Hone, Robert S.....	1	2
Dumont, Elizabeth S.....		1	Honey, Samuel R.....		
Dunn, Theophilus C., (Estate)		1	Hoppin Hamilton.....	1	3
Dunn, Thomas.....		1	Horton, Jeremiah W.....		1
Edgar, William.....		1	Howland, Benjamin B.....		1
Ellery, Mary G & H. C.....		1	Hunter, Anna F.....	1	
Engs, George.....		1	Hunter, Mary R.....		1
Engs, John S.....		1	Hunter, Rebecca E.....		1
Engs, Samuel.....		1	Hunter Thomas R.....		1
Ennis, Caroline W.....		1	Ives, Robert H., (Estate)....		4
Fay, Henry H.....		1	Kane, Delancey, (Estate)....		8
Fearing, George Richmond...	1		Kennedy, Robert Lenox.	1	3
Field, John W.....		1	King, Caroline, (Estate)....		1
Finch, Benjamin.....		1	King, David.....		5
Fitts, Daniel B.....	1		King, David, Jr.,.....	1	
Fludder, James.....		5	King, Edward, (Estate)....		4
Fludder, William.....		1	King, George Gordon.....		1
Foster, John.....	1	2	King, LeRoy.....		1
Franklin, Robert S.....		1	King, William H.....		6
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate).....		4	Ladd, John W.....		1
Gibbs, George W.....	1		Langley, Job T.....		1
Gibbs, Sarah, (Mrs. Thomp-			Langley, William Corey.		1
son).....	1		Lawrence, S. Abbott, (Estate)		1
Gibbs, Theodore K.....	1		Lawrence, William Beach. . .		9
Gilpin, William.....		1	Lawton, Charles E., (Estate).		1
Goffe, Augustus.....		1	Lawton, Edward W.....		1
Goffe, Emma.....		1	Lawton, George.....		1
Gould, David J.....		3	Lawton, Gideon, (Estate)...		1
Gould, Nathan H.....		1	Ledyard, Henry.....	1	
Gould, Stephen.....		1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass.....		1
Gray, Louisa F.....		1	LeMont, Mary D., (Mrs. Wil-		
Green, George W., (Estate)..		1	bur).....		1
Greene, John H.....		1	Leverett, William.....		1
Greene, Nathaniel.....		1	Littlefield, Augustus N.....		1
Griswold, John N. A.....		4	Lyman, Charles Frederic ...		1
Gyles, Charles, (Estate)....		1	Lyon, Joseph, (Estate)....		1
Hall, George, (Estate)....		1	Lyon, Joseph M.....		1
Hamilton, William.....		1	McCurdy, Robert H.....	1	
Hanmett, Charles E., Jr....		2	Macy, Seth W.....	1	1
Hanmett, Elizabeth.....		1	Malcom, Charles Howard....	1	
Hanmett, George A., (Estate)	1		Marsh, I. W. R., (Estate)....		1
Hanmett, James H.....		1	Mason, Earl P., (Estate)....	1	2
Hanmett, Robert W., (Est.)		1	Mason, George C.....		1
Hammond, Zenas L.....		1	Mason, Robert M.....	1	3
Hart, Joseph M.....		3	Matthews, Nathan.....	1	
Hazard, Benjamin, (Estate)..		1	Mauran, James E.....		1
Hazard, Benjamin, of T. G...		1	Melvill, Benjamin S.....		1
Hazard, Charlotte Thayer...		1	Middleton, Henry A.....		1
Hazard, Henry Bond.....		1	Morgan, Edwin D.....	1	
Hazard, Isaac Peace.....		3	Morris, Henry.....		1
Hazard, James Lawrence ...	1		Morris, Wistar.....		1
Hazard, John Alfred.....		1	Munro, Rebecca, (Mrs. J.		
Hazard, John Alfred, estate			Finch).....		1
of T. G.....		1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.....		1
Hazard Rowland R.....		4	Newton, Clara.....		1
Hazard, Theophilus Dunn ...		1	Newton, Dudley.....		1
Hazard, Thomas Hull.....		1	Newton, Mrs. Hannah C....		1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, Continued.

	\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.		\$100 sh.	\$25 sh.
Newton, Mary H.....		1	Smith, Alfred.....	1	
Nicolai, Mary E.....		1	Smith, William H.....		1
Norman, George H.....	1		Southwick, J. McK.....		1
Norman Stephen H.....	1	2	Spooner, Charles.....		1
Paine, John.....		2	Spooner, Edwin G.....		1
Parkman, George F.....	1	3	Spooner, W. H. D.....		1
Parish, Daniel, Jr.....	1		Staigg, Richard M.....	1	
Pearson, John, (Estate).....		1	Stevens, Mrs. Adele L. S....	1	
Peckham, Charles B.....		1	Stevens, David.....		1
Peckham, Edward W.....		1	Stevens, Wm., (Estate).....		1
Peckham, Felix.....		1	Stevens, William G.....		1
Peckham, George H.....		1	Stewart, Anthony.....		1
Peckham, Henry S.....		1	Stoddard, John C.....		1
Peckham, Job A.....		1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris.....		1
Peckham, M. E., (Mrs Pack- ard).....		1	Swinburne, Daniel T., (Est.)..		1
Peckham, Thomas P.....	1		Taylor, John J.....		1
Peckham William G., Jr.....	2		Taylor, Robert J., (Estate)....	1	
Pell-Clarke, Leslie.....	1		Taylor, William Rogers.....		1
Pell, Mrs. Walden.....		1	Terrill, George.....		1
Perkins, Charles C.....		1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia.....		1
Phinney, Theodore W.....		1	Tiffany, George.....		2
Piereson, Mrs. Susan Augusta..	1	3	Tilton, Frederic W.....		1
Potter, Charles.....		1	Tompkins, Frederic.....	1	1
Powel, Samuel.....	1		Tompkins, Hamilton B.....	1	
Pray, Harley W.....		1	Tompkins, Joseph B., (Est.)..		4
Ray, Robert.....	2		Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.....		1
Reynolds, Gardner B.....		1	Townsend, Edmund J.....		1
Rhineland, Frederic W.....	1		Townsend, John F., (Estate)...		1
Rhoades, Benjamin Hurd....	1		Tucker, William W.....	1	
Richardson, John D.....	1		Turner, Henry E.....		1
Richmond, George A.....	1		Turner, Henry E., Jr.....		1
Rider, Philip.....	1		Tweedy, Edmund.....		2
Riley, Henry C.....	1		Underwood, Chas. W., (Est.)..		1
Robeson, Andrew, (Estate)...		3	Van Rensselaer, Alexander ..	1	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K.....	1	3	Van Zandt, Charles Collins...		1
Russell, Charles H.....	1	4	Vernon, Samuel B.....		1
Sands, Austin Ledyard.....	1		Vernon, William, (Estate)....		1
Sanford, Henry S.....	1		Wales, George W.....	1	
Sanford, William H.....		1	Ward, Adoniram Judson.....		1
Sayer, Eliza K.....		1	Ward, Henry N.....		1
Seabury, Thomas Mumford ..		1	Weaver, George B.....		1
Seabury, William Gammell..		1	Wetmore, A. D., (Mrs. Sher- man).....		1
Sears, David, (Estate).....	1		Wetmore Edith K. M.....	1	
Sheffield, William P.....	1		Wetmore, George Peabody... ..	1	
Sherman, Albert K.....		1	Wetmore, Samuel.....	1	1
Sherman, Anthony S.....		1	Wetmore, Wm. Boerum	1	1
Sherman, Edward A., (Est.)..		1	Wilbour, Mary Ann.....		1
Sherman, Isaac, (of N. Y.)...	1		Willard, E. W.....		1
Sherman, Robert.....	1		Willett, Edward M., (Estate)...	1	
Sherman, William.....		1	Wilson George H.....		1
Simmons, Philip, (Estate)....	1		Wormeley, Katherine P.....		1

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

Made September 25th, 1878,

TO THE COMPANY OF THE
REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

ORIGINATED A. D. 1730,—INCORPORATED BY CHARTER A. D. 1747.

EDIFICE ERECTED A. D. 1748,—ENLARGED A. D. 1858.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1878.



NEWPORT:

PRINTED BY JAMES ATKINSON,

1878.
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OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
1878-9.

PRESIDENT:

FRANCIS BRINLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

CHARLES T. BROOKS.

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WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,
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TREASURER:

JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, *Librarian.*

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING,
WILLIAM GILPIN,

CHARLES T. BROOKS,
F. W. TILTON.

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,
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SETH W. MACY,
JOB T. LANGLEY,
HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.

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HENRY H. FAY,

DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.

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SAMUEL W. BUTLER,

GEORGE W. GIBBS.

On Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH,

GEORGE C. MASON,
WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.

On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,

LEROY KING.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

At their Annual Meeting, September 25th, 1878.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept 25th, 1878.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,
John T. Bush,
Samuel W. Butler,
William P. Congdon,
George F. Crandall,
Henry H. Fay,
David King,

LeRoy King,
Seth W. Macy,
Charles H. Malcom,
George C. Mason,
Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Fred. W. Tilton,
Fred. Tompkins,

and twelve by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Darius Baker,

Emily O. Gibbes,

Sarah B. Gibbes,

Lucy E. Shattuck.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen whose names are on page 3d were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. George F. Crandall, it was

Resolved, That the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum return their sincere thanks to the Bellevue Dramatic Club of Newport, R. I., for the generous gift of \$200, received from Mr. Wilson Eyre, their Treasurer, being the proceeds of a performance for its benefit, on Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, 1878.

It was *Voted*, That a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and John S. Engs, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1878.

At the request of the DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, the President submits the one hundred and forty-eighth Annual Report.

From the perplexities incident to a depressed state of trade and the general subsidence of the value of property, the Redwood Library cannot claim to have been entirely exempted, inasmuch as these untoward events checked the anticipated influx of contributions to our treasury. It therefore became the duty of the Directors to bring the current expenses within the limited income at their command for general purposes. This has been effected by practising an economy so rigid, that it approached the verge of parsimony. Accordingly, our indefatigable Librarian was deprived of an assistant; the use of the large furnace was discontinued; the Library closed at evening; our subscription to sundry newspapers withdrawn, and the binding of pamphlets and disfigured books suspended.

And here the Directors represent that a prime necessity of the Library is the creation of a permanent fund, the interest to be exclusively appropriated to the binding of books and pamphlets.

It is admitted that funds given for the purchase of books, cannot be used for the restoration of such as have been injured by constant circulation. Funds given for specific purposes, are sacredly held to carry out the intentions of the donors, whose names will be embalmed in our permanent Records and Annual Reports. Were they not wise, as

well as benevolent, to give of their abundance to an object of public utility, rather than to scatter it for things which perish in the using?

NUMBER OF BOOKS, &C.

The number of books at the date of the last Annual Report was 22,167

Since added,

By purchase, 189

By gift, 341

By binding pamphlets and periodicals, 4

Total number Sept. 1, 1878, 22,701

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1878, was 117

The number of books circulated for the same period, was 8,931

And on the following subjects :

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| 1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, | 24 |
| 2. Arts, Fine, | 87 |
| 3. Biography, | 769 |
| 4. Fiction and Juveniles, | 5,094 |
| 5. Geography and Explorations, | 483 |
| 6. History, | 548 |
| 7. Greek and Latin Classics, | 10 |
| 8. Laws and Politics, | 27 |
| 9. Literature, | 687 |
| 10. Periodicals, | 553 |
| 11. Philosophy, Mental, | 23 |
| 12. " Moral, | 11 |
| 13. Poetry and Drama, | 240 |
| 14. Science, | 204 |
| 15. Theology, | 171 |

It may be thought that the number of volumes circulated is not large. It should be remembered, however, that

this is not a public collection of popular works only ; it is a private Institution, (but always free to those who are introduced) and designed, in a great degree, as a Library for consultation. Many persons resort to it for aid on the special subjects they are investigating, and with great advantage, but who do not desire to take away the volumes they examine. For such purposes the collection is invaluable.

The friends of the Library have been generous, as usual, in contributions to our stores. Among them it may be proper to mention the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, Col. T. Wentworth Higginson, Frederick A. Gibbs, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal. ; Gen. Humphreys. U. S. Engineer Department ; Henry K. Baird, Esq., of Philadelphia ; the Misses Anderson, of Portsmouth, R. I., who presented the works of Voltaire, in seventy volumes ; the Smithsonian Institute, and various public Departments, both State and National. David King, Jr. Esq., gave a work of great interest, viz : A "Statistical Atlas of the United States, based on the results of the Ninth Census, 1870, by Francis A. Walker, Professor of Political Economy and History, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale College, 1874." Also, the valuable illustrated work entitled "The Medallie History of the United States of America, 1776-1876, 2 vols. quarto, New York, 1878, by J. T. Loubat, LL. D. George C. Mason, Esq., of Newport, presented a sumptuous volume—"Newport and its Cottages," of which he is the author. There were but one hundred copies of this splendid work, published by James R. Osgood & Co., and printed by Rand, Avery & Co., of Boston. It is illustrated by the Heliotype process.

We are indebted to the thoughtfulness and liberality of George Peabody Wetmore, Esq., for the Book-cases which have been placed in the new edifice, including the room of the Directors. For this unsolicited gift, the Directors tender their sincere thanks. The Hon. Horatio Rogers, of Provi-

dence, has given an elegant quarto volume, entitled "Private Libraries of Providence," of which he is the author. A limited edition was published, in admirable style, by that discriminating collector of rare books, Sidney S. Rider, Esq., of that city. We do not often meet with a volume containing so much curious information in regard to books, authors and collectors, as may be found in this carefully prepared, but unpretending and scholarly production.

A short time ago, Dr. Charles W. Stearns, of Baltimore, now of this city, offered to the Library, for acceptance, a large and valuable oil painting, which the Directors voted to receive, and requested the President to make a suitable acknowledgment; whereupon he addressed the following letter to the donor :

REDWOOD LIBRARY,

August 14th, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held yesterday, I was requested to present to you their grateful recognition of the kindness which prompted you to donate to the Library the valuable copy of the central figure in the painting at Rome, known as the "Calling of Matthew." It imparts a fresh attraction to our Gallery of Art, while it has the charm of recalling the memory of a lady who was so widely known and esteemed as the lamented Mrs. Stearns.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

DR. CHARLES W. STEARNS, Newport.

Within a few months, two of the Board of Directors have passed away. In January last, the estimable and accomplished Dr. Austin L. Sands, died at Cairo, Egypt, where he had gone in the hope of regaining his health. His remains were very recently received and buried in New York.

When his lamented death was announced to the Directors, resolutions were passed on the motion of Dr. Henry E. Turner, which are appended hereto.

Recently, our valued associate, Capt. Augustus N. Littlefield, departed this life, after a protracted illness, which prevented him from taking an active part in our affairs. But his interest in the Library was unabated, and by his last Will he bequeathed to it the generous sum of one thousand dollars; "the same to be by its Directors invested in some safe security, the interest or dividends only to be used, as from time to time received, as the Directors shall order for the benefit of the said Company." Appropriate Resolutions were adopted by the Directors when informed of his decease, which were prepared by His Excellency Gov. Van Zandt. They, also, are appended hereto.

A communication has been received by me from Col. T. Wentworth Higginson, dated at Neu-Chatel, Switzerland, August 19th, 1878, in which he writes, that "on account of probable absence from Newport," he declines being a candidate for re-election as a member of the Board of Directors, and expresses his abiding interest in the welfare of the Institution.

The financial condition of the Library, which is far better than was anticipated a year ago, is exhibited in the accompanying statement of our exact Treasurer.

ESSEX INSTITUTE.—The Directors of the Library having been informed by the Rev. Charles T. Brooks, that the members of the Institute intended to visit Newport, it was voted that they be invited to meet the officers, members and friends of the Library, at its rooms, on such an evening as would be most agreeable to them. The Institute is a society composed of refined ladies and gentlemen, residing in Salem and other towns in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who are versed in the several branches of

Natural History. They do not confine their researches to books, but make frequent excursions to local places of interest, that they may see, examine and contemplate the varied and wonderful productions of nature. Their life, like that of the Duke and his followers in the Forest of Arden,

“Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in every thing.”

The reception was attended by many of our prominent citizens, and was pronounced “a grand feature” of the visit of our friends from Salem. They were welcomed by the President, Vice President, and by the Hon. William P. Sheffield, one of our Directors, in brief and cordial addresses, which were eloquently responded to by Dr. Henry Wheatland, President of the Institute; the Rev. E. C. Bolles, of Salem; and the Rev. C. C. Beamon, formerly of that city. Most of the evening was given up to unceremonious and cheerful conversation.

About three years ago, an excellent paper was read before the Maryland Historical Society, by Osmond Tiffany, Esq., one of its distinguished members, who thus alluded to our Institution :

“There is a building in Newport, Rhode Island, at the head of stylish Bellevue Avenue, which is so different from the surrounding structures, and with such an air of studious quiet brooding over it, that the eye is at once arrested, and the attention charmed by its fair proportions. Its model is that of a Grecian Temple, with additional side wings, in harmony with the main building, which possesses an air of antiquity. This is the ‘Redwood Library,’ which may fairly claim to be a National Institution, from the wide influence it exerted at a time when art and letters in America were in their infancy, and from the celebrated names connected with it.”

While we gratefully acknowledge this high compliment,

we cannot admit that the Redwood Library is of such an exclusive *National* character, that Newport stands absolved from continuing its local, solid aid to this institution of the Fathers, which we trust in usefulness will be absolute and in duration most permanent.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,
For the Directors.

Newport, September 9, 1878.

ADDENDUM.

The above report was sanctioned by the Directors at their last monthly meeting: Since then, a happy event seems to justify the confidence implied in its concluding paragraph, in regard to the abiding liberality of Newport. On the evening of the 19th instant, "The Bellevue Dramatic Club," an amateur, artistic association, in our midst, gave a voluntary entertainment at the Opera House, for the benefit of the Redwood Library, which was highly enjoyed and deservedly applauded by an appreciative audience. The result was the addition of the handsome sum of two hundred dollars to our Treasury, it being the net proceeds of the evening. From this considerate act of the Bellevue Dramatic Club, whose accomplished members generously and cheerfully surrendered their time and their talents out of regard to this Institution, we feel under an obligation far superior to that which the mere receipt of money could inspire.

F. B.

Obituary Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY, January 14, 1878, the following Resolutions, offered by DR. HENRY E. TURNER, were unanimously adopted :

“ Resolved, That we deeply deplore the decease of our late associate, DR. AUSTIN L. SANDS ; we recognize in this afflicting dispensation the rupture of relations with ourselves, of the most cordial and harmonious character.

Resolved, That we will attend his funeral as a body.

Resolved, That the President be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the family of Dr. Sands.”

At a special meeting on June 1, 1878, called on account of the death of CAPT. AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD, GOV. VAN ZANDT offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

“ WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have heard with sorrow of the death of CAPT. AUGUSTUS N. LITTLEFIELD, for more than twenty years a Director in the Institution, and intelligently devoted to its best interests, therefore

Resolved, That the Board desire to express the high appreciation of his services and character as a citizen and a man, and to spread upon the Record the memory of his generous benefactions and labors to promote the usefulness of the Institution.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors will attend his funeral, and the Secretary is requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to his family, and to cause them to be published in the Newport papers, and that the Library be closed during the hours of his funeral services.”

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.

1878.	To payments for the Book Account.....	\$621 87	1877.	Sept. 10.	By balance of old account	\$884 20
Sept. 9.	" " for the Expense Account.....	636 58	1878.	Sept. 9.	Received for 210 Annual Taxes.....	\$1,050 00
" "	" " for the Library Debt Account.....	1,220 37	" "	" "	Subscriptions.....	230 00
" "	" " B. H. Rhoades, Librarian.....	1,200 00	" "	" "	Fines and Extras.....	20 41
" "	" " F. T. Southwick, Clerk.....	24 00	" "	" "	1 Special Share sold.....	75 00
" "	" " Deposits in Savings Bank for 1 Special Share sold.....	75 00	" "	" "	Div. from J. Carter Brown Book Fund.....	\$275 00
" "	" " Balance credited New Account.....	350 61	" "	" "	Div. from W. S. Rogers.....	220 00
		\$4,168 43	" "	" "	Div. from George G. King.....	55 00
			" "	" "	Div. from Robert Rogers.. do.	30 45
			" "	" "	Special Share Fund.....	580 45
			" "	" "	Subscriptions to Library Debt to date.....	238 87
			" "	" "	" " to Current Expenses.....	935 00
						100 00
						\$4,168 43

1878.	Sept. 9.	By bal. old account deposited in Bank of R. I.....	390 61
	Newport, R. I., September 9, 1878.		
	E. E. JOB T. LANGLEY, Treasurer.		

MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.	
Sept. 9.	U. S. Reg. Bond, Robert Rogers' Book Fund.....\$1,000
" "	" " Deposits in Savings Bank, G. G. King....." 1,000
" "	" " " " W. S. Rogers....." 4,000
" "	" " " " J. Carter Brown.. " 5,000
" "	" " " " Special Share Fund.. " 5,409 56
	\$16,409 56

AMOUNT DUE.	
Balance Note to Samuel Brown, interest at 6 per cent.....	\$4,800.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, has examined the same and find them correct.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 24, 1878.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.

Appendix 1.

To the Directors of the Redwood Library :

The Committee appointed by the Directors, December 11, 1876, to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of furnishing the new building and to pay off the indebtedness of the Library, beg to report: At their first meeting they decided to raise eight thousand dollars, which sum was deemed sufficient to supply the wants and to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation. In accordance with this view they issued a Circular, February 26th, 1877, which was distributed among the Corporators and friends of the Library. While many of your Committee were hopeful of favorable responses to the circular, a meeting of the Corporation was legally assembled on the 21st of June, 1877, for the purpose of discharging the indebtedness of the Library by the sale of a portion of our land, if no other feasible project should be devised. It was decided not to sell the land, but to continue the appeal to the public in behalf of the Library. At that time the Corporation thought proper to appoint a committee of seven to co-operate with your Committee. Of the combined committee, Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and Hamilton B. Tompkins, Secretary. The Committee have thus far been very successful, having raised nearly four thousand dollars in cash and conditionally.

It is pleasant to recognize and to acknowledge these generous donations, in sums large and small, according, it may be, to the ability of the donors or of their sympathy in the high objects of the institution, or of their opinion of its genial influences upon this community. With this view there will be appended the list of subscribers as published in the Daily News. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

DAVID KING,

Chairman of the Committee of Directors.

September 24th, 1877.

Appendix 2.

The Committee appointed at a special meeting of the shareholders of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, held on the 21st day of June last, "to join with the Special Committee of the Directors to raise subscriptions to free the Library from indebtedness," respectfully report :

That, in connection with the Special Committee of the Directors, subscriptions have been obtained as follows :

Cash.....\$2,785 00

This amount has been paid to the Treasurer and includes \$500 subscribed on condition that no part of the land belonging to the Library shall be sold.

Conditional (other than above).....1,379 00

Total.....\$4,164 00

A list of the subscriptions with a statement of the conditions governing a portion of them is annexed hereto, and is made a part of this report.

The Committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH J. COOKE,
Chairman.

NEWPORT, September 26th, 1877.

AMOUNTS PAID.

Mrs. Edward King,	\$400 00	Dr. Charles Davis,	100 00
Mrs. Elizabeth S. King,	25 00	Mrs. John Carter Brown,	250 00
Edward A. King,	25 00	Dr. Samuel W. Butler,	30 00
LeRoy King,	25 00	Francis Brinley,	50 00
George G. King,	25 00	Mrs. Fred. W. Stevens,	100 00

The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.

Thomas F. Cushing,	25 00	Miss Ellen Mason,	100 00
Miss Ida Mason,	50 00	George H. Norman,	50 00
William W. Tucker,	50 00	E. H. Schermerhorn,	25 00
W. P. Pepper,	25 00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer,	50 00
Mrs. William Gammell,	100 00	L. P. Morton,	25 00
Miss Catherine L. Wolfe,	50 00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case,	25 00
J. Smith Bryce,	50 00	Mrs. Richard Baker,	50 00
George C. Mason,	25 00	Edward F. Newton,	10 00
F. W. Tilton and friend,	40 00	Charles Lyman,	50 00
Miss Ellen Townsend,	200 00	Henry H. Swinburne,	10 00
Mrs. Joseph I. Bailey,	50 00		
Total paid,	\$2,835 00		

Subscriptions on condition that \$8,000 is raised this Year, (1877.)

Joseph J. Cooke,	\$150 00	T. W. Higginson & others,	\$75 00
Henry W. Cooke,	50 00		

Subscriptions on condition that the whole debt is liquidated.

W. A. Clarke,	\$266 00	Theodore K. Gibbs,	\$100 00
Dr. David King,	133 00	T. Bailey Myers,	50 00
David King, Jr.,	100 00	F. W. Tilton,	20 00
John Foster,	100 00	S. W. Macy,	25 00

Subscriptions on condition that \$5,000 is raised.

Miss Annie Hunter,	\$100 00	Fred. Tompkins,	\$35 00
William P. Sheffield,	100 00	Hamilton B. Tompkins,	75 00

Total.....\$4,164 00.

The present debt is.....\$4,800 00

Conditionally subscribed.....1,429 00

\$3,371 00

It will be seen, therefore, that if we can raise the sum of \$3,371, the existing debt could be paid, and thereafter the Library could easily take care of itself. It really seems as if its friends could, by a little effort, secure that amount.

GIFTS

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities, during the year.

- Anderson, Martha M. and Rosalie R. 70 vols.
Angell, Avery F. 1 vol.
Bailey, Mrs. Joseph I. \$50.
Baird, Henry Carey, of Philadelphia, 5 vols., 45 pphs.
Benet, Gen. S. V. 1 vol.
Bloor, A. J. 1 pph.
Boston, Pub. Lib. Bulletins, continued.
Botta, Prof. Vincenzo, of N. Y., 1 vol.
Brinley, Hon. Francis 2 vols.
Bristol, R. I., Rogers Library, 1 pph.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T. 33 vols., 3 pphs.
Bunker Hill Monument Association, 2 vols.
Burnside, Hon. A. E. 1 vol. Cong. Record, continued.
Bush, Mrs. J. T. Christian Register, continued.
Calvert, Hon. George H. 1 vol. ; Popular Scientific Monthly, and supplement, continued. Publishers' Weekly, continued.
Cooke, Joseph I. 1 vol.
Cobden Club, Publications, continued.
Cullum, Gen. George W. U. S. A., 2 pphs.
Dennis, Mrs. William L. 1 vol.
Doyle, Hon. Thomas A. of Prov., 1 vol.
Drowne, Henry T. 1 pph.
Dundas, Wurtz, of Philadelphia, 20 vols., 1 pph.
Fall River, Mass., Public Library, 1 pph.
Fitch, Hon. John N. Y., 4 pphs.
Fitts, Daniel B. 1 vol.
Gibbs, Hon. Fred. A. of San Francisco, 3 vols.
Greene, Dr. D. H. of Greenwich, R. I., 1 vol.
Heap, Capt. D. P. 6 vols., 38 pphs.

- Higginson, Col. T. W. 65 vols. 1 pph. and Woman's Journal, continued.
- Home Journal, of New York, continued.
- Kansas Board of Agriculture, 1 pph.
- King, David Jr., of New York, 3 vols.
- Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs.
- Lincoln, Prof. J. L. of Providence, 1 pph.
- Maclean, John, Princeton, N. J., 2 vols.
- McNutt, Dr. W. F. of San Francisco, large photograph of Venus.
- Marcy, L. J. of Philadelphia, 1 pph.
- Mason, George C. 1 vol.
- Mason, Robert M. of Boston, 3 vols.
- Massachusetts State Board of Health, 1 vol.
- Mitchell, Dr. S. Weir, of Philadelphia, 1 vol.
- Morris, Henry of Philadelphia, \$20.
- Narragansett Weekly, continued.
- Newell, J. Perry 1 Lithograph.
- New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
- Newport City, 1 vol.
- Newton, Edward F. 3 vols. and Humboldt Medal.
- Nicoll, Miss Joanna R. 5 vols.
- Peckham Charles B. 2 vols.
- Powel, Miss E. M. 2 vols.
- Powel, Hon. Samuel, Proceedings of Acad. Nat. Science, continued.
- Powel, Mrs. Samuel 1 vol.
- Pray, Harley W. 1 vol.
- Providence, R. I. Historical Society, 1 pph.
- Religio-Philos. Journal, continued.
- Rhoades, B. H. 2 vols.
- R. I. Hospital, 1 pph.
- Rhode Island, State of, 1 vol.
- Rogers, Gen. Horatio of Providence, 1 vol.
- Rogers, Mrs. W. B. 1 vol.
- Salem, Essex Institute, 3 pphs.
- San Francisco, Public Library, 1 pph.
- Schuyler, Philip of New York, 1 vol.
- Sheffield, William P. 1 pph.
- Sheldon, Frederick of New York, 1 vol.
- Sherman, Robert 1 vol.

- Smithsonian Institute, 3 vols.
Steiger, E. of New York, 1 vol.
Stevens, Austin of New York, 1 pph.
Stevens, Robert J. of Washington, 2 vols.
Storer, Dr. Horatio R. 1 vol. 13 Engravings, 2 Portraits.
Taunton, Public Library, 2 pphs.
Taylor, Rear Admiral W. R. 1 vol.
Tompkins, H. B. 2 vols., 1 pph.
Travers, Miss S. 6 vols.
Unitarian Association, Boston, 1 vol. Review, continued.
U. S. Engineer Department, 6 vols., 3 Maps.
U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.
U. S. Interior Department, 2 vols.
U. S. Interior Department, Education, 1 vol.
U. S. Navy Department, 1 vol.
U. S. Naval Observatory, 1 pph.
U. S. Patent Office, Official Gazette from Sept. 1, 1877 to January,
1878 ; 17 numbers, 5 of 1878.
U. S. State Department, 1 vol., 1 pph.
U. S. Treasury Department, 1 vol.
U. S. Congressional Documents, 52 vols.
Upham, William P., of Salem, 1 vol.
Van Zandt, Gov. Charles C. 1 vol., 1 pph.
Vermont, Historical Society, 1 vol.
Wayland, Prof. F. of New Haven, 1 pph.
Whiting, Miss Mary, 3 vols.
Winston, F. S. 1 vol.

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Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

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Ashhurst, William H.	1	Norman George H.	1
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Brooks, Charles T.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Pierson, Susan Augusta	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Powel, Samuel	1
Cooke, Joseph J.	1	Ray, Robert	2
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Cozzens, William C. (Estate)	1	Sands, Austin L. (Estate)	1
Davis, Dr. Charles	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Foster, John	1	Sherman, Isaac of New York	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Sarah	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander (Estate)	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wales, George W.	1
King, Le Roy	1	Wetmore, Annie D.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Wetmore, Edith K.	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Malcom, Charles H.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Mason, Earl P. (Estate)	1	Willett, Edward M.	1
Mason, Robert M.	1		

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Barreda, F. L.	8
Allan, Ernstus P.	1	Beck, Henry Paul.	1
Allan, William S. N.	1	Bedlow, Henry (Estate)	1
Atkinson, James	1	Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2
Bailey, Joseph I. (Estate)	1	Bliss, William H.	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Boit, Edward D.	4
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Bowen, George	1
Baker, Darius	1	Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1
Bancroft, George	1	Bowler, William T.	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Bradford, Joseph	1
Barker, Robert S.	1	Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1

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Brinley, Edward H.	1	Gould, Stephen	1
Brinley, Edward L.	4	Gray, Louisa F.	1
Brinley, Francis	1	Greene, George W. (Estate)	1
Bronson, Arthur	1	Greene, John H.	1
Brooks, Sidney (Estate)	6	Greene, Nathaniel	1
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Griswold, J. N. A.	4
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Gyles, Charles (Estate)	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Hall, George, (Estate)	1
Brownell, William	1	Hamilton, William	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Hammett, Charles E.	2
Bull, Henry	1	Hammett, Elizabeth	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)	1
Bush, John T.	2	Hammond, Zenas L.	1
Butler, Samuel W.—see "Special."	2	Hart, Joseph M.	3
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1
Calvert, George H.	1	Hazard, Charlotte T.	1
Campbell, George J.	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Carey, John	1	Hazard, Isaac P.	3
Case, J. Ludlow	1	Hazard, J. Alfred	1
Caswell, John R.	1	Hazard, John A. of T. G. (Estate)	1
Chase, Gilbert, (Estate)	1	Hazard Rowland R.	3
Child, William S.	1	Hazard, Theophilus D.	1
Clarke, Harriet	1	Hazard, Thomas Hull	1
Clarke, Thomas H.	2	Higginson, Thomas W.	3
Clarke, William A.	4	Hoffman, Susan O.	2
Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1	Honey, Samuel R.	2
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hoppin, Hamilton	3
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Horton, Jeremiah W.	1
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Congdon, William P.	1	Hunter, Mary R.	1
Cooke, George I. (Estate)	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1	Hunter, Thomas R.	1
Cornell, William	1	Ives, Robert H. (Estate)	1
Cottrell, Michael	1	Kane, Delancey, (Estate)	8
Cottrell, Silas H.	1	Kennedy, Robert Lenox—see "Special"	2
Cozzens, George,	2	King, Caroline, (Estate)	1
Cozzens, Henry W.	1	King, David	5
Cozzens, John H.	1	King David, Jr.	1
Cozzens Wm. C. (Est) see "Special,"	2	King, Edward (Estate)	4
Crandall, George F.	1	King, George G.	1
Dame, Hannah (Estate)	1	King, William H.	6
Deblois, Henry D.	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Deblois, John S.	1	Langley, Job T.	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Dennis John D. (Estate)	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	1
Denniston George, Jr.	1	Lawrence, William B.	9
Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1	Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)	1
Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Dunn, Thomas	1	Lawton, George	1
Edgar, William	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Ellery, Mary G. and H. C.	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Engs, George	1	Lemont, Mary D.	1
Engs, John S.	1	Leverett, William	1
Engs, Samuel	1	Littlefield, Augustus N. (Estate)	1
Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Fay, Henry H.	1	Lyou, Joseph (Estate)	1
Field, John W.	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Finch, Benjamin	1	Macy Seth W.	1
Fludder, James	5	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Fludder, William	1	Mason, Earl P. (Est.)—see "Special."	2
Foster, John	2	Mason, George C.	1
Franklin, Robert S.	1	Mason Robert M.—see "Special"	3
Gibbes, Emily O.	1	Mauran, James E.	1
Gibbes, Sarah B.	1	Melville Benjamin S.	1
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)	2	Mercer, Wm. Newton (Estate)	6
Gilpin, William	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	Morris, Henry	1
Gould, David J.	2	Morris, Wistar	1
Gould, Nathan H.	1	Munro, Rebecca	1

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Newton, Clara	1	Sherman, William	1
Newton, Mrs. Hannah C. (Est)	1	Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1
Newton, Mary	1	Smith, William H.	1
Nicolai, Mary E.	1	Southwick, J. M. K.	1
Norman, Stephen H —see "Special."	2	Spooner, Charles	1
Paine, John	2	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Parkman, George F.	3	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Pearson, John (Estate)	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, Charles B.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Edward W.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Felix	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stoddard, John C.	1
Peckham, Henry J.	1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Swinburne, Daniel T. (Estate)	1
Peckham, Mary E. (Mrs. Packard)	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Taylor, William Rogers	1
Peckham, William G. Jr.	2	Terrill, George	1
Pell Clarke, Leslie	1	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Tiffany, George	2
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	2	Tompkins, Fred. —see "Special."	1
Pierson, Susan Augusta —"see Spec "	3	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Potter, Charles	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Pray, Harley W.	1	Townsend, Edmund J.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Townsend, John F. (Estate)	1
Rhineland, Frederic W.	1	Turner, Henry E.	1
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Richmond, George A.	1	Underwood, Charles	1
Rider, Philip	1	Van Rensselaer, Alex. (Est) see "Spec "	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	3	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Russell, Mrs. Anna K. —see "Special."	3	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
Russell, Charles H. —see "Special "	4	Ward, A. Judson	1
Sanford, William H.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Weaver, George B.	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
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Shattuck, Lucy E.	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
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Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Worneley, K. P.	1





ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

Made September 24th, 1879,

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TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1879.

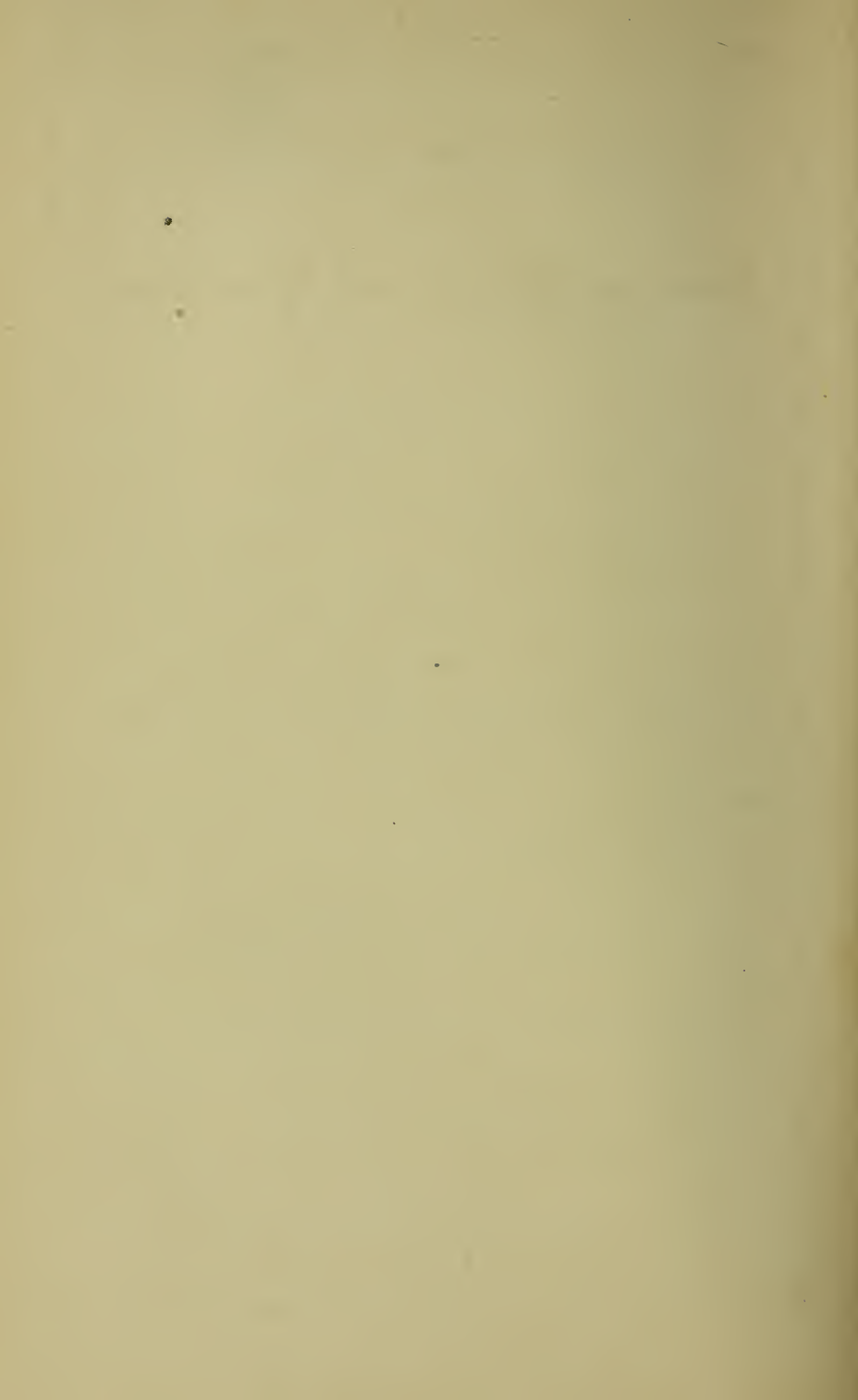


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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

At their Annual Meeting, September 24th, 1879.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1879.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows ;

Francis Brinley,	Seth W. Macy,
Charles T. Brooks,	George C. Mason,
John T. Bush,	Benjamin H. Rhoades,
Samuel W. Butler,	Horatio R. Storer,
George F. Crandall,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry H. Fay,	Henry E. Turner,
David King,	and eleven by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Wm. Burditt,	Henry G. Marquand,
Mrs. Edwin C. Cushman,	Ellen Francis Mason,
Mrs. Pastora E. Humphrey,	Ida M. Mason,
Alfred D. Jessup,	Horatio Robinson Storer,
H. Van Renssellaer Kennedy,	Theodore Walton Woolsey.

The Record of the Special Meeting, held Dec. 9th, 1878, was then read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, ordered to be recorded, and printed in pamphlet form.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen, whose names are on page 3d, were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. King, it was *Resolved*, That all persons who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100, for the benefit of the Library, shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life Members.

On motion of Dr. King, it was *Resolved*, That the portrait of GEORGE W. GIBBS, Esq., be requested of him, to be perpetually preserved in the Library, to be placed on our walls with that of REDWOOD, and the other benefactors of the Library.

On motion of John T. Bush, Esq., *Voted*, That a tax of four and a half dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar, provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each Proprietor of a \$25.00 share, but that a deduction of 50 cts. be allowed to all who pay at the Library on or before Feb. 1st, 1880.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., and George F. Crandall, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned,

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1879.

In compliance with a vote of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, the Annual Report for the year ending September 24th, 1879, is respectfully submitted.

THE LIBRARY.

The condition of the volumes on our shelves is satisfactory, and very creditable to the constant supervision of our experienced Librarian, whose extra duties just now, are so various and engrossing.

The present number of volumes, is 22,566

An increase of 399

since the last Annual Report.

There have been added,

By purchase, 182

By gift, 183

By binding pamphlets and periodicals, 34
and 89 pamphlets.

The number of books circulated is 8,290

And on the following subjects :

1.	Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture,	40
2.	Arts, Fine, - - -	59
3.	Biography, - - -	652
4.	Fiction and Juveniles, -	4,707
5.	Geography and Explorations, -	465
6.	History, - - -	574
7.	Greek and Latin Classics, - -	8
8.	Law and Politics, - - -	20
9.	Literature, Essays, &c. - - -	492
10.	Periodicals, - - -	627
11.	Philosophy, Mental, - - -	26
12.	“ Moral, - - -	13
13.	Poetry and Drama, - - -	248
14.	Science, - - -	174
15.	Theology, - - -	174

It may be thought that the number of volumes circulated is not large. It should be remembered, however, that this is not a public collection of popular works only ; it is a private Institution, (but always free to those who are introduced) and designed, in a great degree, as a Library for consultation. Many persons resort to it for aid on the special subjects they are investigating, and with great advantage, but who do not desire to take away the volumes they examine. For such purposes the collection is invaluable.

DONATIONS.

To make an ample and descriptive catalogue of the books contributed to the Library during the past year, would swell this Report inordinately, and therefore only a few of them have been selected for special notice. The Library has been the favored recipient of many important and valuable volumes, other than those so noticed, the titles of which, and the names of the donors are inserted herein.

An inspection of the list will show that these benefactions were from various branches of the General Government ; from the State of Rhode Island and sister states ; from municipalities ; from Historical Societies and Literary Institutions, as well as from distinguished persons, at home and abroad.

At a meeting of the Directors on the 12th of May, 1879, the original of the following letter was submitted :

QUINCY, MASS.,

May 14, 1879.

TO LIBRARIAN OF REDWOOD LIBRARY :

Dear Sir: Herewith I send you a copy of a local history of Quincy, for the REDWOOD LIBRARY. You may not be aware that William Coddington was once a large land owner in this town, and that one of the streets and School Districts is still known by his name. He was also the town's first benefactor, having deeded to it a tract of land, an ac-

count of which you will find on page 315 of this volume. This history, in the preparation of which, by the way, I had no part, has therefore a remote local interest in connection with Newport, which induces me to place a copy on the shelves of your Library. In Cataloguing the book, please see that references are made to it under the title of Coddington.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES F. ADAMS, JR.

S. WHITNEY PHOENIX, Esq., one of our prominent summer residents, has favored us with three fine quarto volumes containing an account of "The Whitney Family, of Connecticut, and its affiliations, being an attempt to trace the line of Henry Whitney from 1649 to 1878. To which is affixed some account of the Whitneys, of England." This wonderful genealogical achievement was accomplished by Mr. Phoenix, who kindly presented to us one of five hundred quarto copies, all of which were designed for presentation and not for sale.

From George F. Tyler, Esq., of Philadelphia, we have received the interesting memoirs of Major General Robert Tyler, U. S. A., together with his journal of ten months service in British and Farther India; published in 1878.

Frederick W. Stevens, Esq., of New York, has given the Life of Albert Gallatin and his Letters, in 4 volumes, octavo; an important addition to our Biographical Department.

C. Nicholas Beach, of Hartford, Ct., has placed among our illustrated books a superb volume containing the "Report of the Committee appointed by the Philomathean Society of the University of Pennsylvania, to translate the inscription on the Rosetta Stone. This second edition is a beautiful specimeu of art, as well as of learning. We are indebted to the same liberal hand for the very valuable illustrated "Report on Explorations and Surveys for the Pacific Rail Road, being volumes 2 to 10, both inclusive.

Our fellow townsman Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., who is always alive to the interests of the Library, caused a manu-

script copy to be prepared of that rare tract, printed in London, in the year 1674 for William Coddington, and known by its quaint title, as "A Demonstration of true love unto you, the Rulers of the Colony of the Massachusetts, in New England."

By the kindness of the Hon. Thomas Bayley Potter, M. P. who has recently visited Newport, as the guest of Cyrus W. Field, Esq., we have received eight bound and nine unbound volumes, with several valuable papers from the Cobden Club, London.

An examination of the volume containing a list of donations during the year, reveals the significant fact, that these proofs of regard do not entirely proceed from the sterner sex, but that they are frequently the offerings of thoughtful and gifted women, whose literary tastes fostered a lively interest in the growing prosperity of the Redwood Library.

Thus we have received from Miss Catherine P. Wormeley, of Newport, a volume entitled, "Recollections of Ralph Randolph Wormeley, Rear Admiral in the R. N., by his three daughters ; published in 1879. A very acceptable gift, as the Admiral was so well known and esteemed in this city.

Miss Mary R. Darby Smith, presents an illustrated volume of "Recollections of two distinguished persons, La Marquise de Boissy, and the Count de Waldeck."

From Mrs. Lieber, now of Newport, the second edition of a "Manual of Political Ethics," &c.. by that distinguished Scholar, Francis L. Lieber, LL.D.

From Mrs. Sarah S. Pickering, of Boston, a quarto volume of 1,222 pages, being a "Chronological History of Plants, man's record of his own existence, illustrating their names, uses and companionship." This production of the late Dr. Charles Pickering, is full of the most curious learning for which that indefatigable scholar was distinguished.

Many other names of ladies will appear in the following list :

- Amory, Thomas C., Boston, 1 pph.
 Anagnos, M. I., Boston, 1 pph.
 Atkinson, James, heirs of, 6 vols.
 Atkinson, Professor William P., Boston, 1 vol.
 Barker, Robert S., 3 vols.
 Batterson, Rev. H. G., 1 vol.
 Binney, Amos, Boston, 5 vols.
 Boston Athenæum, 1 vol.
 Boston Public Library, Bulletins, continued.
 Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., Boston, 1 pph.
 Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 7 vols., 1 pph.
 Burnham, Gordon W., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Burnside, Hon. A. E., Cong. Record, 2 vols.
 Calvert, Hon. G. H., 3 vols. Pop. Sci. Monthly, continued, and 4
 Newspapers, continued.
 Cleveland, Ohio, Pub. Lib., 1 pph.
 Coghill, J. H., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Cox, Brinton, Philadelphia, 2 vols.
 Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C., 15 vols.
 Douglas, Henry James, Prov., 1 vol.
 Dresser, G. Warren, Gas Light Journal, continued.
 Drowne, Henry T., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Ellis, J. O. C., 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. S. W., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Frederic A., San Francisco, 1 vol.
 Gilman, Daniel C., Balt., 1 vol.
 Goodwin, Miss Julia, 5 vols.
 Guild, Mrs. A. D. W., 1 vol.
 Harvard College, Camb., 1 vol.
 Hazard, Thomas R., 1 vol.
 Home Journal, N. Y., continued.
 Humphreys, Dr. F. R., Boston, 1 vol.

- Kernochan, Frederic, N. Y., 15 vols.
King, Dr. David, 1 vol.
Lamson, Frederic, Salem, Mass., 1 vol.
Lawrence, Mass., Free Lib. Bulletins, continued.
Leach, Rev. Daniel, Prov., 1 pph.
Ledyard, Hon. Henry, 2 vols.
Lundy, Rev. J. P., 1 vol.
McPhail, H. A. C., San Francisco, 1 vol.
Macy, Hon. Seth W., 1 vol.
Malcom, Rev. C. H., 3 pphs.
Marsh, Arthur R., 1 vol.
Mason, Geo. C., 1 vol.
Mason, Robert M., 1 vol.
Mauran, J. E., 1 vol., 6 pphs.
Narragansett Weekly, continued.
New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
Newport City, 1 vol.
Newton, Mass., Free Lib., 1 pph.
Norris, William, San Francisco, 1 vol.
Peckham, Charles B., 3 vols.
Perkins, Charles C., Boston, 1 vol.
Pitman, Mrs. Theophilus T., 1 vol.
Powell, Mary E., 4 vols.
Powel, Hon. Samuel, Proceedings of Nat. Hist. Soc., Phila., continued.
Religio-Philosophical Jour., Chicago, continued.
Rhode Island, State, 3 vols.
Salem, Mass., Essex Inst., 1 vol., 1 pph.
San Francisco, Merc. Lib., 2 pphs.
Seabury, Wm. Gammell, 1 vol.
Sears, Rev. Barnas, 1 pph.
Smithsonian Institution, 7 vols.
Stearns, Dr. Charles W., 1 pph.
Stone, Rev. Edwin M., Prov., 7 pphs.

Storer, Dr. Horatio R., 2 vols.
 Taylor, John J., France, 1 vol.
 Taylor, Admiral W. Rogers, 1 vol.
 Tilley, B. Hammett, 2 vols.
 Tompkins, Hamilton B., 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Unitarian Association, Boston, Review continued.
 U. S., per Hon. A. E. Burnside, 2 vols.
 U. S., per Hon. B. T. Eames, 12 vols.
 U. S., Bureau of Education, 1 pph.
 U. S. Engineer Dept., 3 vols., 23 maps.
 U. S. Naval Obs., 16 vols.
 U. S. Patent Office, Official Gazette, continued.
 U. S. Post Office, 1 vol.
 U. S. State Department, 1 vol.
 U. S. Treasury Department, 2 vols.
 U. S. War Department, 2 vols.
 VanZandt, Hon. C. C., 1 vol.
 Vermont, Hist. Soc., 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Vermont, Merino S. B. Asn., 3 vols.
 Waring, Mrs. G. E., 2 vols.
 Williams, Geo. C., \$500 Confed. Note.
 Winthrop, Hon. Robert C. Boston, 1 pph.
 Woman's Jour., continued.
 Wormeley, Miss K. P., 2 vols.

Donations to the Art Gallery.

A letter was laid before the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, December 9th, 1878, as follows :

" PROVIDENCE, R. I., 23 College St.,
 15th Nov., 1878.

SIR :

In behalf of Mrs. Susan C. Bowen, of East Greenwich, I have forwarded to your address, a plate of Oriental

porcelain, once owned by the Founder of the Redwood Library.

Mrs. Bowen desires that you will acquaint the trustees of the Library with her gift to the Institution. The plate was purchased by my grandfather, the late Capt. Samuel Packard, of Providence, and North Kingstown, (Boston Neck,) at the sale of certain effects of Abraham Redwood, in Newport. There were originally two dozen, forming part of a dessert service, and a dozen of soup plates, of a different type of decoration. Of the former, eighteen remain, and of the latter, only two. The ware is what is known as the "King-te Chin," and the decoration is remarkably beautiful. The white enamel used so freely is rarely seen save on porcelain of great antiquity. I have several hung as plaques that have been greatly admired by connoisseurs of ceramics.

I am yours, very truly,

WM. SHAW BOWEN.

The plate was formally accepted, ordered to be properly mounted, and the gift acknowledged.

The following communication was duly received and acknowledged :

No. 18, WEST 17TH ST., NEW YORK.

To the Trustees of the Redwood Library, Newport, R. I.

GENTLEMEN :

If you consider it worthy of a place in your Reading Room, will you permit me to offer you the painting placed on deposit with you in December last.

It is a copy of part of a large picture in the Academy at Venice, painted by Bonifazio, and known as the "Rich Man's Feast."

The part copied is the centre of the picture, which is known as the "Concert." In the original the rich man is

seated on the left of the group, shown in the copy, while on the right Lazarus appears begging for the crumbs. The copy does not do justice to the original, which is deemed one of the finest pictures in Venice. Such as it is however, it may aid to adorn your walls and give some pleasure to those who use your rooms. If so, I shall be more than repaid by your acceptance of it.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very truly yours,

THATCHER M. ADAMS.

Whereupon it was voted that the President communicate to Mr. Adams the thanks of the Board for his valuable gift.

At the same time a letter was received from Rowland R. Hazard, Esq., late of Newport, presenting to the Company a portrait of Christopher Frye, and the President was requested to tender the thanks of the Board to Mr. Hazard.

A present of singular interest has been made to our Art Gallery, by Mrs. Pastora E. Humphreys, of Boston, it being a beautiful "Egg-service," consisting of a Tray, ten inches in diameter, with a silver plate in the centre, on which is engraved "Egg-service, manufactured from a portion of the Old Elm Tree, on Boston Common, which was prostrated by the violent gale on Friday, June 29th, 1860." With the Tray, are six egg-cups of the same material, spoon and salt-cup lined with gold. All these are in an appropriate case. According to Appleton's Encyclopedia, the old elm is regarded as the oldest tree in New England; it is represented on a map engraved in 1722, and is supposed to be as old as Boston itself. In the great branch broken off by the gale of 1860, nearly two hundred rings could be easily counted. It was also mutilated by a high wind in 1869, and is now protected by strong iron bands and props, and an iron fence.

OTHER DONATIONS.

The following letter was, by order of the Board, sent to Mrs. Charlotte Tompkins :

NEWPORT, Feb. 11, 1879.

MRS. CHARLOTTE TOMPKINS,

Madam :

I am requested by the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, to express their grateful appreciation of your liberal donation of \$50, to be used for the binding of books. Many of our volumes have been dilapidated from constant or hard usage, and I cannot but hope that your graceful recognition of the fact will stimulate others to follow so good and thoughtful a precedent

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY, *President.*

The precedent was promptly followed by the gift of twelve dollars by Madam Marius Panon, for the same purpose.

CORPORATE SEAL.

Some months ago, the want of a seal, made it necessary to obtain the assent of a Department of the United States to a document not thus accompanied. To avoid the occurrence of a similar difficulty, it was deemed proper that a Committee should be appointed to consider the subject. The Charter of 1747 provides, "that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library and successors, forever, hereafter, to have one common seal, and the same at their will and pleasure to change and alter." It is a little singular that the Proprietors should have permitted more than a century and a quarter to pass away without an attempt to comply with that clause of the Charter.

At a special meeting of the Company, called to consider the propriety of adopting a Corporate Seal, held December 9th, 1878, the following Preamble and Resolution, were adopted: "*Whereas*, the Committee heretofore appointed by the Directors to procure a device of a Seal for the Corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, reported in favor of a Seal representing in the centre, the front and side of this building, and in a circle around the edge, the name and place of the Institution, and in which seal is engraved the date of Incorporation, 1747, and the date of the erection of this building, 1748, which seal and its Press were the unsolicited gift of George H. Norman, Esq., of Newport.

Resolved, That the Company hereby adopt said Seal as that of this Corporation, and request the President so to inform Mr. Norman, and to express their high appreciation of this thoughtful and most acceptable present."

During the last spring the unexpected news arrived that Robert M. Mason, Esq., one of the Board of Directors had departed this life. Mr. Mason had passed the summer months in Newport, for many years, and therefore was very generally known to this community, and we feel that a most valued citizen has been taken from our midst.

Appropriate Resolutions were adopted by the Directors, which will be appended hereto.

We are called upon, also, to lament the loss of Isaac P. Hazard, another friend of this Institution. In the days of languishment, which he so long and patiently endured, he did not forget the Redwood Library, though unable to avail himself of its literary resources, and who, long before his death, voluntarily sent to its aid one hundred dollars. Thus passed away, a distinguished and enterprising son of Rhode Island. In this connection it may be appropriately stated that the Treasurer was directed to receive from the Executor of our late associate, Augustus N. Littlefield, deceased, the

sum of one thousand dollars, the amount of the legacy given to the Library by Capt. Littlefield, and under the direction of the Finance Committee to invest the amount in a Bond of the United States. This has been done.

At the same meeting, to show the good feeling of this Institution, towards the Free Library, of Newport, it was voted that the Librarian have leave to present one of the duplicate volumes of U. S. Archives, to the Free Library.

The Rev. C. T. Brooks, some months ago, very kindly proposed to give a series of Lectures, one each week, for the benefit of the Library. They were listened to, not by a numerous, but by an appreciative audience, the net proceeds amounting to fifty-three dollars. A larger sum could not be expected, when it is remembered how numerous are the engagements of our people during the summer season. We are under great obligations to this distinguished scholar for the time and labor he devoted to the preparation and delivery of his graphic and instructive lectures.

As a striking proof of the extensive reputation of the Library, reference may be made to the reception during the summer of the Trustees of the Butler Hospital, of Providence, and their guests, a distinguished delegation of gentlemen connected with American Institutions for the Insane, who came to Newport for the express purpose of seeing this ancient building, and its rare contents. They were cordially welcomed by the President and Dr. King. They left, of necessity after a short time, with expressions of their great gratification, at the interview.

The financial condition of the Company will be shown by the annual report of the Treasurer, which cannot be perfected before the close of the fiscal year, that is, the last Wednesday of September. At that time he will be able to include the progress of the plan suggested by one of our summer residents and friends, for the liquidation of the debt incurred by the enlargement of this edifice, and which prom-

ises to be an assured success. This Report when presented will contain a statement in regard to a project, so auspiciously commenced, and which manifests not only the liberality of those who contribute to this laudable object, but their abiding interest in the prosperity of the Redwood Library.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, September 8th, 1879.

Obituary Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Directors of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, April 14, 1879, the following Resolutions offered by President Brinley, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of our valued associate, Robert M. Mason, which occurred so soon after his arrival in a far-distant Southern State, whither he went not only for his own health, but at the promptings of paternal affection, is received by the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum with mingled emotions of awe and respect.

Resolved, That regard for his memory requires us to make permanent in our Records, an expression of our high estimate of his urbanity, moral rectitude, considerate judgment, good desires, interest in all benevolent purposes, and his religious convictions, which shone so conspicuously when the announcement was made to his unexpected ear, that for him, the gate of life everlasting was about to open.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these Resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased, with the assurance of our sympathy in their bereavement.

DR.

Redwood Library and Athenaeum in accl. with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.

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(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

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The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, has examined the same and find them correct.
Newport, R. I., Sept. 23, 1879.
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.

LIST OF PROPRIETORS.

1st. "OWNERS OF SPECIAL SHARES OF \$100,

Exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation."

Anderson, Martha M.	1	Mason, Earl P. (Estate)	1
Ashhurst, William H.	1	Mason, Ellen Francis	1
Beeckman, Helen	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Brooks, Charles T.	1	Morgan, Edwin D.	1
Butler, Samuel W.	1	Norman, George H.	1
Caldwell, William S. (Estate)	1	Norman, Stephen H.	1
Carey, John Jr.	1	Parkman, George F.	1
Caswell, Philip	1	Parish, Daniel Jr.	1
Cooke, Joseph J.	1	Pierson, Susan Augusta	1
Cooke, Henry Williams	1	Powel, Samuel	1
Cornell, Richard	1	Ray, Robert	1
Cozzens, William C (Estate)	1	Russell, Mrs. Anna K.	1
Davis, Dr. Charles	1	Russell, Charles H.	1
Fearing, George Richmond	1	Sands, Anstin L. (Estate)	1
Fitts, Daniel B.	1	Sanford, Henry S.	1
Ford, Mrs. Rosalie Redwood	1	Sears, David (Estate)	1
Foster, John	1	Sheffield, William P.	1
Gibbs, George W.	1	Sherman, Isaac of New York	1
Gibbs, Sarah	1	Smith, Alfred	1
Gibbs, Theodore K.	1	Staigg, Richard M.	1
Hammett, George A. (Estate)	1	Stevens, Mrs. F. W.	1
Hazard, James Lawrence	1	Taylor, Robert J. (Estate)	1
Hone, Robert S.	1	Tompkins, Frederick	1
Hoppin, Hamilton	1	Tompkins, Hamilton B.	1
Humphrey, Mrs. Pastora E.	1	Tweedy, Edmund	1
Hunter, Anna F.	1	Tucker, William W.	1
Jessup, Alfred D.	1	Van Rensselaer, Alexander (Estate)	1
Kennedy, Robert Lenox	1	Wales, George W.	1
Kennedy, H. Van Rensselaer	1	Wetmore, Annie D.	1
King, Le Roy	1	Wetmore, Edith K.	1
Ledyard, Henry	1	Wetmore, George Peabody	1
McCurdy, Robert H.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Macy, Seth W.	1	Wetmore, William Boerum	1
Malcom, Charles H.	1	Willett, Edward M.	1
Marquand, Henry G.	1		

2d. OWNERS OF \$25 SHARES, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT,

(Unless owning a "SPECIAL SHARE" in addition.)

Ailman, Benjamin H. Jr.	1	Beck, Henry Paul	1
Allan, Erastus P.	1	Berry, Mrs. M. T.	2
Allan, William S. N.	1	Boit, Edward D.	4
Atkinson, James, (Estate)	1	Bowen, George	1
Bailey, Joseph I. (Estate)	1	Bowen, Stephen (Estate)	1
Bailey, Samuel C.	1	Bowler, William T.	1
Baker, A. Prescott	1	Bradford, Joseph, (Estate)	1
Baker, Darius	1	Breese, Thomas (Estate)	1
Bancroft, George	1	Brinley, Edward H.	1
Barber, Charles P.	1	Brinley, Edward L.	3
Barker, Robert S.	2	Brinley, Francis	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

Bronson, Arthur	1	Hamilton, William	1
Brooks, Sidney (Estate)	6	Hammett, Charles E.	2
Brown, Mrs. Grace	1	Hammett, Elizabeth	1
Brown, John Carter (Estate)	1	Hammett, James H.	1
Brown, Samuel	1	Hammett, Robert W. (Estate)	1
Brownell, William	1	Hammond, Zenas L.	1
Buffum, Thomas B.	1	Hart, Joseph M.	3
Bull, Henry	1	Hazard, Benjamin (Estate)	1
Burdick, J. Truman	1	Hazard, Benjamin of T. G.	1
Burditt, William	1	Hazard, Charlotte T.	1
Bush, Augustus	1	Hazard, Henry B.	1
Bush, John T.	2	Hazard, Isaac P. (Estate)	3
Butler, Samuel W.—see "Special."	2	Hazard, J. Alfred	1
Cahoone, Stephen (Estate)	1	Hazard, John A. of T. G. (Estate)	1
Callender, Elizabeth	1	Hazard, Rowland R.	3
Calvert, George H.	1	Hazard, Thomas Hull	1
Case, J. Ludlow	1	Higginson, Thomas W.	4
Caswell, John R.	1	Hoffman, Susan O.	2
Chase, Gilbert (Estate)	1	Honey, Samuel R.	2
Child, William S.	1	Hoppin, Hamilton	3
Clarke, Harriet	1	Horton, Jeremiah W.	1
Clarke, Thomas H.	2	Howland, Benjamin B. (Estate)	1
Clarke, William A.	4	Hunter, Mary R.	1
Coggeshall, D. M. (Estate)	1	Hunter, Rebecca E.	1
Coggeshall, John S.	1	Hunter, Thomas R.	1
Coggeshall, Thomas	1	Ives, Robert H. (Estate)	1
Congdon, John C.	1	Kane, Delancey, (Estate)	8
Congdon, W. P.	1	Kennedy, Robert Lenox—see "Special"	2
Cooke, Josiah P. Jr.	1	King, Caroline, (Estate)	1
Cornell, William	1	King, David	5
Cottrell, Michael	1	King, David Jr.	1
Cottrell, Silas H.	1	King, Edward (Estate)	4
Cozzens, George	1	King, George G.	1
Cozzens, Henry W.	1	King, William H.	6
Cozzens, John H.	1	Ladd, John W.	1
Cozzens Wm. C. (Est.) see "Special"	2	Langley, Job T.	1
Crandall, George F.	1	Langley, William C.	1
Cushman, Mrs. Edwin C.	1	Lawrence, S. Abbott (Estate)	1
Dame, Hannah (Estate)	1	Lawrence, William B.	9
Deblois, Henry D.	1	Lawton, Charles E. (Estate)	1
D'Hauteville, Mrs. S. W.	1	Lawton, Edward W.	1
Denni-ton George, Jr.	1	Lawton, George	1
Dumont, Elizabeth S.	1	Lawton, Gideon (Estate)	1
Dunn, Theophilus C. (Estate)	1	Ledyard, Lewis Cass	1
Dunn, Thomas	1	Lemont, Mary D. (Mrs. Wilbor)	1
Edgar, William	4	Leverett, William	1
Ellery, Mary G. and H. C.	1	Littlefield, Augustus N. (Estate)	1
Engs, George	1	Lyman, Charles F.	1
Engs, John S.	1	Lyon, Joseph (Estate)	1
Engs, Samuel	1	Lyon, Joseph M.	1
Ennis, Caroline W.	1	Macy, Seth W.	1
Fay, Henry H.	1	Marsh, I. W. R. (Estate)	1
Field, John W.	1	Mason, Earl P. (Est.)—see "Special"	2
Finch, Benjamin	1	Mason, George C.	1
Fludder, James	5	Mason, Ellen F.—see "Special"	3
Fludder, William	1	Mason, Ida M.	1
Foster, John	2	Mauran, James E.	1
Franklin, Robert S.	1	Middleton, Henry A.	1
Gibbes, Emily O.	1	Morris, Henry	1
Gibbes, Sarah B.	1	Morris, Wistar	1
Gibbes, R. M. (Estate)	2	Munro, Rebecca (Mrs. Finch)	1
Giipin, William	1	Newton, Mrs. Abby E.	1
Goffe, Augustus	1	Newton, Clara	1
Gould, David J. (Estate)	2	Newton, Mrs. Hannah C. (Estate)	1
Gray, Louisa F.	1	Newton, Mary	1
Greene, George W. (Estate)	1	Nicolai, Mary E.	1
Greene, John H.	1	Norman, Stephen H.—see "Special."	2
Greene, Nathaniel	1	Paine, John	2
Griswold, J. N. A.	4	Parkman, George F.	3
Gyles' Charles (Estate)	1	Pearson, John (Estate)	3
Hall, George, (Estate)	1	Peckham, Charles B.	1

LIST OF PROPRIETORS, *Continued.*

Peckham, Edward W.	1	Spooner, Edwin G.	1
Peckham, Felix	1	Spooner, W. H. D.	1
Peckham, George H.	1	Stevens, David	1
Peckham, Henry I.	1	Stevens, William (Estate)	1
Peckham, Job A.	1	Stevens, William G.	1
Peckham, Mary E. (Mrs. Packard)	1	Stewart, Anthony	1
Peckham, Thomas P.	1	Stoddard John C.	1
Peckham, William G. Jr.	2	Storer, Horatio R.	1
Pell Clarke, Leslie,	1	Stout, Mrs. Ann Morris	1
Pell, Mrs. Walden	1	Swinbure, Daniel T. (Estate)	1
Perkins, Charles C.	1	Taylor, John J.	1
Phinney, Theodore W.	1	Terrill, George	1
Pierson, Susan Augusta—"see Spec." 3	3	Thorndike, Mrs. Sophia	1
Potter, Charles	1	Tiffany, George	2
Pray Harley W.	1	Tilton, Frederic W.	1
Reynolds, Gardner B.	1	Tompkins Fred —see "Special."	1
Rhineander, Frederic W.	1	Tompkins, Joseph B. (Estate)	4
Rhoades, Benjamin H.	1	Torrey, Mrs. Lydia B.	1
Richardson, John D.	1	Townsend Edmund J.	1
Richmond, George A.	1	Townsend John F. (Estate)	1
Rider, Philip	1	Turner Henry E.	1
Riley, Henry C.	1	Turner, Henry E. Jr.	1
Robeson, Andrew (Estate)	3	Tweedy, Edmund	2
Russell, Mrs. Anna K —see "Special" 3	3	Underwood, Charles	1
Russell, Charles H.—see "Special," 4	4	Van Rensselaer, Alex. (Est) see "Spec."	1
Sanford, William H.	1	Van Zandt, Charles C.	1
Sayer, Eliza K.	1	Vernon, Samuel B. (Estate)	1
Seabury, Thomas M.	1	Vernon, William (Estate)	1
Seabury, William Gammell	1	Ward, A. Judson	1
Shattuck, Lucy E.	1	Ward, Henry N.	1
Sherman, Albert K.	1	Weaver, George B.	1
Sherman, Anthony S.	1	Wetmore, Samuel	1
Sherman, Edward A. (Estate)	1	Wetmore, William B.	1
Sherman, Robert	1	Wilbour, Mary Ann	1
Sherman, William	1	Willard, E. W.	1
Simmons, Philip (Estate)	1	Wilson, George H.	1
Smith, William H.	1	Woolsey, Theodore W.	1
Southwick, J. M. K.	1	Wormeley, K. P.	1
Spooner, Charles	1		

LIFE MEMBERS.

At the Annual Meeting of the Company, September 24th, 1879, it was *Voted*, That all persons, who have in the past, or who may hereafter, pay into the Treasury the sum of \$100, for the benefit of the Library shall become and enjoy the privileges of Life-Members.

Anderson, Elbert J.
Ashhurst, William H.
Astor, John Jacob
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Baker, Mary B.
Bancroft, George
Beach, C. Nichols
Belmont, Auguste
Bennet, J. G.
Brown, Mrs. J. Carter
Bryce, J. Smith
Caswell, Philip
Channing, William F.
Clarke, William A.
Cooke, Joseph J.
Cornell, Richard
Davis, Dr. Charles
Dunn, Thomas
Fearing, Henry S.
Foster, John
Gammell, Mrs. William
Gibbs, George W.
Griswold, J. N. A.
Hatch, A. S.
Hopkin, Hamilton
Hunter, Anna F.
Kennedy, Robert Lenox
Kernochan, Frederic
King, David. (M. D.)
King, David, Jr.
King, Mrs. Edward
Ledyard, Henry
Lenox, James
LeRoy, Daniel

Lorillard, Pierre
Low, A. A.
Low, Seth
Lyman, Charles
Macy, Seth W.
Marquand, H. G.
Mason, Ellen F.
Morgan, Edwin D.
Norman, George H.
Norris, William
Ogden Francis D.
Parkinson, C. B.
Phoenix, F. Whitney
Paine, John
Panon, Mrs. Marius
Pell, Mrs. Walden
Rives, William C.
Rogers, Daniel
Rogers Fairman
Russell, Charles H.
Sheffield, William P.
Sheldon, Frederic
Smith, Alfred
Stevens, Frederic W.
Stevens, Mrs. Frederic W.
Stout, Francis A.
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher
Tompkins, Frederic
Tompkins, Hamilton B.
Townsend, Ellen
Tuckerman, Joseph
Tweedy, Edmund
Wetmore, Geo. Peabody
Wharton, Joseph
Wolfe, Catharine L.





ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

MADE SEPTEMBER 29th, 1880,



TO THE COMPANY

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

Originated A. D. 1730,—Incorporated by Charter A. D. 1747.
Edifice Erected A. D. 1748,—Enlarged A. D. 1858.



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

TO THE PROPRIETORS.

SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1880.



NEWPORT:

DAVIS & PITMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1881.

OFFICERS
OF THE
Redwood Library and Athenæum,
1880-1881.

PRESIDENT:
FRANCIS BRINLEY.

VICE PRESIDENT:
CHARLES T. BROOKS.

DIRECTORS:

WILLIAM H. ASHHURST,	SETH W. MACY,
JOHN T. BUSH,	CHAS. H. MALCOM,
SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	HENRY G. MARQUAND,
WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	GEORGE C. MASON,
HENRY H. FAY,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.,
GEORGE W. GIBBS,	WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	FREDERIC W. TILTON,
DAVID KING,	HENRY E. TURNER,
LEROY KING,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS,
JOB T. LANGLEY,	CHAS. C. VAN ZANDT.

TREASURER:
JOB T. LANGLEY.

SECRETARY:
BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES, Librarian.

Standing Committees of Directors.

On Books.

DAVID KING,	CHARLES T. BROOKS,
WILLIAM GILPIN,	F. W. TILTON,
CHARLES H. MALCOM.	

On Finance.

WILLIAM A. CLARKE,	JOB T. LANGLEY,
SETH W. MACY,	HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS.
HENRY G. MARQUAND.	

On Pictures and Statuary.

HENRY H. FAY,	DANIEL PARISH, JR.
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On Auditing Accounts.

SAMUEL W. BUTLER,	GEORGE W. GIBBS.
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On Repairs.

JOHN T. BUSH,	GEORGE C. MASON,
WILLIAM H. ASHHURST.	

On By-Laws and Regulations.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD,	CHARLES C. VAN ZANDT.
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On Expenditures.

HENRY E. TURNER,	LEROY KING.
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1880.

The annual meeting of the Company of the REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM was held at the Library Rooms, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 1880.

At the hour appointed, Hon. FRANCIS BRINLEY, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The Company then proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,
Charles T. Brooks,
John T. Bush,
William A. Clarke,
William Gilpin,
Job T. Langley,
Seth W. Macy,
Charles H. Malcom,

George C. Mason,
Benjamin H. Rhoades,
John P. Sanborn,
Horatio R. Storer,
Hamilton B. Tompkins,
Henry E. Turner,
Henry N. Ward,
and thirteen by proxy.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company, viz :

Misses Atkinson,	Christopher M. Lee,
Robert S. Covill,	John Rogers,
Mrs. Mary E. Dennis,	John P. Sanborn,
Mrs. Delia C. Hazard,	Achilles Stevens,
John G. Weaver.	

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Hon. Francis Brinley, and ordered to be printed.

The Company then having proceeded to the choice of officers, the gentlemen whose names are on page 3d, were elected for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Malcom,

Voted, That a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor of a \$25 share.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Charles H. Malcom,

Voted, That the Stockholders approve the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Directors and repeated on the last page of the President's Report, respecting the "General Fund for Current Expenses," and that the interest be used annually.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN H. RHOADES,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR 1880.

In compliance with a vote of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum the President submits a Report for the year ending Sept. 29th, 1880.

The condition of the books on our shelves, many of them of rare editions, is very satisfactory with the exception of some of the popular volumes, which show the marks of incessant usage.

For the repair and restoration of works necessarily impaired by constant circulation there should be a specific fund as was suggested in the Report for 1878.

The numerous and valuable donations of the past year are abundant proof that the widely-spread interest in the prosperity of this Institution steadily increases with the growth of this favored island. In an Appendix there may be found the names of those considerate benefactors with brief notices of their gifts.

Among the names is that of Madame Marius Panon (a descendant of our venerated founder, Abraham Redwood) who presented "Wilson's American Ornithology, or The Natural History of the United States," in six volumes, a rare and valuable work. From Hon. Horatio Gates Jones of Philadelphia, "Second Geological Survey of Pennsyl-

vania," in 32 volumes. Other donations from individuals and from official departments are worthy of special notice; but we must be content with merely referring to the accompanying list.

NUMBER OF BOOKS.

The number of books by the last annual report was as it appears by the statement of the Librarian,	23,110
Since added, by purchase, - - -	206
“ “ “ gift, - - -	332
“ “ “ binding pamphlets and periodicals, -	12
Total number Sept. 1, 1880, -	<hr/> 23,660

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1880, was 172.

The number of books circulated during the same period was 7,932.

And on the following subjects :

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, -	19
2. Arts—Fine, - - - -	87
3. Biography, - - - -	953
4. Fiction and Juveniles, - - -	4,265
5. Geography, Exploration and Observation, -	486
6. History, - - - -	533
7. Greek and Latin Classics, - - -	14
8. Law and Politics, - - -	44
9. Literature, Essays, &c., - - -	338
10. Periodicals, - - - -	634

11.	Philosophy, Mental,	-	-	-	11
12.	“ Moral,	-	-	-	16
13.	Poetry and Drama,	-	-	-	243
14.	Science, -	-	-	-	179
15.	Theology and Eccles. Hist.,	.	-	-	110

It must not be inferred that the number of books circulated gives the extent of the use of the contents of the Library. Our spacious halls and quiet nooks invite the student, who has some special work in progress. And they are no less attractive to the temporary subscriber, who longs to luxuriate over the latest magazines. It is quite likely to be true, that as many volumes are read or consulted within the Library, as are taken away for perusal. Its rich literary treasures are for consultation quite as much as for circulation.

FREEDOM FROM DEBT.

The most noteworthy event in the history of the Library, since the last Annual Report, is the payment of the balance of the debt incurred by the enlargement of this edifice, and the addition of a portico to its easterly side. This was effected through the liberality of a few of its judicious friends, whose names, together with the amount of their respective contributions are gratefully presented in this Report.

Agassiz, Alexander, . . .	\$100	Macy, Seth W., . . .	\$25
Astor, J. J., . . .	200	Marquand, H. G., . . .	200
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley, . . .	100	Ogden, Francis L., . . .	100
Baker, Mary B., . . .	100	Paine, John, . . .	100
Baker, Mrs. Richard, . . .	100	Phoenix, S. Whitney, . . .	200
Bancroft, George, . . .	100	Pierson, J. Frederic, . . .	20
Beach, C. Nichols, . . .	100	Pierson, Mrs. S. A., . . .	20
Bennett, J. G., . . .	100	Rives, William C., . . .	100
Bryce, J. Smith, . . .	50	Rogers, Fairman, . . .	100
Clarke, Wm. A., . . .	133	Rogers, Prof. Wm. B., . . .	20
Cooke, Joseph J., . . .	100	Sheffield, Wm. P., Jr., . . .	100
Cornell, Richard, . . .	50	Stevens, Frederic W., . . .	100
Cushman, Mrs. Emma C., . . .	10	Stout, Francis A., . . .	100
Foster, John, . . .	150	Terrill, Dr. George, . . .	20
Gibbs, George W., . . .	500	Tompkins, Frederic, . . .	35
Gibbs, Theo. K., . . .	100	Tompkins, Hamilton B., . . .	75
Hunter, Anna F., . . .	100	Travers, Wm. R., . . .	50
Keene, James R., . . .	200	Tucker, Wm. W., . . .	50
King, Dr. David, . . .	100	Tuckerman, Joseph, . . .	200
King, David, Jr., . . .	100	Wales, Geo. W., . . .	50
LeRoy, Daniel, . . .	100	Wharton, Joseph, . . .	100
Lorillard, Pierre, . . .	100	Wolfe, Catherine L., . . .	100
Low, Seth, . . .	100		
Lyman, Charles, . . .	50		\$4,705

AMOUNTS PAID IN 1877.

Mrs. Edward King, . . .	\$400.00	Samuel R. Honey, . . .	10.00
Miss Elizabeth S. King, 25.00		Clarence King, . . .	30.00
Edward A. King, . . . 25.00		Charles P. Barber, . . .	10.00
LeRoy King, . . . 25.00		Wm. G. Williams, of Prov. . .	10.00
George G. King, . . . 25.00	100.00	Thomas Dunn, . . .	100.00
The subscriptions of Mrs. King and family are upon condition that the land shall not be sold.		Mrs. M. E. Tompkins, . . .	5.00
Joseph J. Cooke, . . .	100.00	Thomas B. Buffum, . . .	5.00
Henry W. Cooke, . . .	10.00	Benjamin Hazard of T. G., . .	10.00
Thomas W. Higginson, . .	10.00	Fred Tompkins, . . .	15.00
		Samuel Brown, . . .	50.00

Daniel LeRoy, . . .	50.00	E. H. Schermerhorn, . . .	25.00
Hamilton B. Tompkins, . .	25.00	W. P. Pepper, . . .	25.00
Richard Cornell, . . .	50.00	Mrs. Gardner Brewer, . . .	50.00
Augustus N. Littlefield, . .	50.00	Mrs. William Gammell, . .	100 00
Thomas M. Seabury, . . .	25.00	L. P. Morton, . . .	25.00
Robert M. Mason, . . .	130.00	Miss Catherine L. Wolfe, . .	50.00
John B. Newton, . . .	50.00	Admiral A. Ludlow Case, . .	25.00
Dr. Charles Davis, . . .	100 00	J. Smith Bryce, . . .	50.00
Mrs. John Carter Brown, . .	250.00	Mrs. Richard Baker, . . .	50.00
Dr. Samuel W. Butler, . . .	30.00	George C. Mason, . . .	25.00
Francis Brinley, . . .	50.00	Edward F. Newton, . . .	10.00
Mrs. Fred W. Stevens, . . .	100.00	F. W. Tilton and friend, . .	40.00
Thomas F. Cushing, . . .	25.00	Charles Lyman, . . .	50.00
Miss Ellen Mason, . . .	100.00	Miss Ellen Townsend, . . .	200 00
Miss Ida Mason, . . .	50.00	Henry H. Swinburne, . . .	10.00
George H. Norman, . . .	50.00		
William W. Tucker, . . .	50.00	Total paid, . . .	\$2,785 00

This amount together with that which was obtained in 1877, as specified in the Report for that year, but which is repeated in this Report, that all the facts may be seen at a glance, liberates the Library from its burden of debt. It is all important to keep it so ; but that cannot be, as things are, without resorting to a most stringent, and therefore, in some respects, an inconvenient economy. Our main sources of income for general purposes, are, *First*, The annual Tax established by vote of the Company. Experience has solidified it into a fixed fact, that an annual tax of over five dollars would not be endured. There are now two hundred and ten of these taxable, twenty-five dollar shares, as they are usually designated.

Two hundred and ten shares at \$5 each should yield	\$1,050.00
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The \$5 tax includes that of \$1 which by the Charter must be laid at the Annual Meeting for "the purchase of books," and therefore we must deduct	\$210.00
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\$840.00

<i>Second</i> , The Interest on the "Special Shares" or \$100 shares, as they are called, \$5,859.56 at 5 per cent.	\$292.97
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<i>Third</i> , The interest on Capt. Littlefield's legacy of \$1000	\$60.00
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<i>Fourth</i> , From temporary Subscribers, say	\$200.00
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<i>Fifth</i> , Droppings into the Treasury from all sources, some of them, like the subscrip- tions of summer visitors, being very uncer- tain, say	\$100.00
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Thus there are but	\$1492.97
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at the disposal of the Company for its current expenses or annual support; an amount which it must be seen is insufficient for the yearly cost of maintaining the Library in working order.

The perception of this want of means undoubtedly induced those zealous friends of the Library, Mrs. Deborah F. Wharton and Mr. Charles W. Wharton, of Philadelphia, to give fifty dollars each to the Institution upon the express condition that their donations should not be used for the purchase of books. Their considerate act prompted the introduction of the following Resolutions at the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, in August last. They

were unanimously adopted and referred with the recommendation of the Directors that they should also be adopted by the Company at the Annual Meeting :

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is expedient to create a Fund to be designated "The General Fund of the Redwood Library for Current Expenses," of which said Fund, neither the principal nor the interest thereof, nor any portion of either of them, shall be appropriated or used for buying, binding or repairing of books, periodicals, pamphlets, or newspapers, or for the purchase of works of Art, but the net annual interest of said Fund shall be used only for the payment of the annual, regular and usual expenses necessary for the management of the Library, except as hereinafter provided.

Resolved, That whenever the net annual income of said proposed "General Current Expense Fund" shall be more than sufficient for the payment of said annual current expenses of managing the Library as aforesaid, then any portion of such excess may be used for such other purposes as the Board of Directors at any legal meeting may by vote determine to be for the permanent advantage of the Institution.

Should the attempt to create such a Fund be crowned with success, then the Redwood Library would be fixed on the vantage-ground, to which by the almost romantic history of its origin it is entitled, and thus make permanent for all time, one of the most interesting of the varied attractions of old Newport.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

President, for the Directors.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 29, 1880.

Dr. CR.
Redwood Library and Athenaeum in account with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts rendered.)

1880.		1879.	
Sept. 13,	To Payments for the Book Account,	Sept. 22,	By balance of old account,
" "	" " for the Expense Account,	1880.	1880.
" "	" " B. H. Rhoades, Librarian,	Sept. 13,	Received for 196 Annual Taxes,
" "	" " S. Brown, balance of Note and int.	" "	" Subscriptions,
" "	" Deposits in Savings Bank for 1 Special Share sold,	" "	" " 1 Special Share sold,
" "	" Deposits in Savings Bank for General Expense Fund,	" "	" from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,
" "	" Balance credited new account,	" "	" W. S. Rogers,
" "	" Book account,	" "	" G. G. King,
" "	" Incidental account,	" "	" Robert Rogers,
	\$39.07		
	138.86		
	177.93		
Sept. 13,	By balance of old account,	Sept. 13,	By balance of old account,
" "	" Received for 196 Annual Taxes,	" "	" Subscriptions,
" "	" " 1 Special Share sold,	" "	" from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,
" "	" from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	" "	" W. S. Rogers,
" "	" W. S. Rogers,	" "	" G. G. King,
" "	" Robert Rogers,	" "	" Robert Rogers,
" "	" of Dr. King, for 8th Ed Eni Brit,	" "	" from Special Share Fund,
" "	" " Subscriptions to Library Debt,	" "	" " pay Asst. Librarian
" "	" " General Expense Fund,	" "	" for General Expense Fund,
" "	" of Deborah F. Wharton,	" "	" Chas. W. Wharton,
" "	" " Proceeds of Rev. C. T. Brook's Lect's,	" "	" " Interest on U.S. Bonds, Littlefield Fund,
" "	" " Interest on U.S. Bonds, Littlefield Fund,	" "	" " Proceeds of Rev. C. T. Brook's Lect's,
	\$7.472 67		
	\$177.93		
MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.			
Sept. 13,	1 U. S. Coupon Bond 4 1/2 per ct. Littlefield Fund, \$1,000.00		
" "	" 1 U. S. Registered Bond, 6 per ct. R. Rogers " 1,000.00		
" "	" Deposits in Savings Bank, G. G. King " 1,000.00		
" "	" " " W. S. Rogers " 4,000.00		
" "	" " " J. C. Brown " 5,000.00		
" "	" " " Special Share " 5859.56		
" "	" " " Gen. Cur. Exp. " 100.00		
	\$17,959.56		
Newport, R. I., Sept. 13, 1880.	E. E. JOH T. LANGLEY, Treasurer.		

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and find them correct.
 Newport, R. I., Sept. 28, 1880.
 CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.,
 GEO. F. CRANDALL.

GIFTS

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities,
during the year :

- Allen, Zachariah, Prov., 1 vol.
 Anderson, Miss Martha M., 4 vols.
 Atkinson, Edward, Bost., 1 vol.
 Atkinson, Miss Louisa F., 47 pphs.
 Bicknell, Hon. Thos. W., Bost., 1 pph.
 Bigelow, Mrs. J. W., 7 vols., 21 pphs.
 Binney, C. J. I., Bost., 3 vols.
 Boston Pub. Lib., 1 pph., Bulletin continued.
 Bowen, Mrs. Anna M., 2 Photographs.
 Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Bost., 1 vol., 3 pphs.
 Bradlee, Samuel A., 1 vol.
 Brinley, Hon. Francis, 1 vol.
 Brooks, Rev. Chas. T., 19 vols., Map of Olympia.
 Bush, Miss M. B. L., 2 vols.
 Calvert, Hon. G. H., 3 vols., Popular Science Monthly, and 4 newspapers continued.
 Cartee, Dr. Cornelius, Charlestown, 1 vol.
 Cincinnati Pub. Lib., 2 vols.
 Cobden Club, Lond., 2 vols., 7 pphs.
 Cooke, Joseph J., Prov., 124 vols.
 Crooker, Miss S. A., 1 vol.
 Dix, Miss Dorothy L., 5 vols., 11 pphs.
 Dresser, G. Warren, Gas Light Journal, continued.
 Drown, Henry T., N. Y., Historical Calendar.
 Ford, Gordon L., N. Y., Tribune. 14 vols., 9 pphs.
 Francis, Dr. S. A., 17 pphs.
 Gammell, Prof. Wm., 1 vol., 2 pphs.
 Germantown, Friends Lib., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, F. A., San Francisco, 1 vol.
 Gilman, M. D., 1 vol.
 Green, Samuel S., Worcester, 1 pph.
 Goodwin, Miss Juliet H., 2 vols.
 Harvard College, 1 vol.
 Hedge, F. H., Lawrence, Mass., 1 pph.
 Home Journal, continued.
 Hoppin, Prof. J. M., N. Haven, 6 vols.
 Hunter, Miss A. F., 8 vols., 60 pphs.
 Indianapolis, Pub. Lib., 2 pphs.
 Jones, Charles C., Augusta, Ga., 2 vols.
 Jones, Hon. Horatio Gates, 32 vols.
 Lawrence, Abbott, Bost., 1 vol.
 Lawrence, Hon. W. B., 1 vol.
 Livermore, Rev. S. A., 3 pphs.
 Malcolm, Rev. C. H., 3 vols., 1 pph.
 Matthews, Albert, N. Y., 1 vol.
 Mauran, James E., 3 vols.
 Mighell, N. C., Plano, Ill., 6 Geolog. Specimens.
 Morse, Prof. E. S., Salem, 1 pph.
 Narragansett Weekly, continued.
 Newton, James R., 1 vol.
 New Jerusalem Messenger, continued.
 N. Y. Mercantile Lib., 1 vol.
 Newport, City, 1 vol.
 Ogden, Francis L., 15 vols.
 Panon, Mme. Marius, 6 vols.
 Patent Office, Official Gazette, continued.
 Peckham, C. B., 3 vols.
 Peek, W. H., Chicago, 1 vol.
 R. I., State of, per J. M. Addeman, 4 vols., 1 pph.
 Shea, Hon. G., N. Y., 2 vols.
 Smithsonian Institution, 6 vols.
 Storer, Dr. Horatio R., 5 vols., 1 pph.
 Stout, F. A., N. Y., 1 vol.
 Stuart, Miss Jane, 2 vols.
 Taylor, Admiral W. R., 1 vol.
 Tompkins, H. B., 2 vol., 2 pphs.
 Trowbridge, Henry, N. Haven, 1 vol.

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| <p>Tucker, W. W., Bost., 1 vol.</p> <p>Turner, Dr. Henry E., 1 vol.</p> <p>Unitarian Asso., Bost., Review, continued.</p> <p>U. S., Hon. A. E. Burnside, 28 vols., 2 pphs., Map of U. S.</p> <p>U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol., 3 pphs.</p> <p>U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol.</p> <p>U. S. Engineer Department, 2 vols.</p> <p>U. S. Interior Department, 5 vols.</p> <p>U. S. Naval Department, 1 vol.</p> | <p>U. S. State Department, 2 vols.</p> <p>U. S. War Department, 3 vols.</p> <p>Van Zandt, Hon. C. C., 1 vol.</p> <p>Wetmore, G. P., 4 vols., 2 revolving book cases.</p> <p>Wharton, Mrs. D. F., Phila., 4 vols., 2 pphs., \$50.</p> <p>Wharton, C. W., Phila., \$50.</p> <p>Wheeler, John H., Washington, 1 vol.</p> <p>Whitmore, W. H., Bost., 1 vol.</p> <p>Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 1 pph.</p> <p>Woman's Journal, continued.</p> |
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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT

MADE SEPTEMBER 28, 1881,

TO THE COMPANY

OF THE

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NEWPORT, R. I.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

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AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1881.

The annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1881.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. Francis Brinley, and the Company proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present, as follows :

Francis Brinley,	Stephen H. Norman,
Charles T. Brooks,	Horatio R. Storer,
William A. Clarke,	Frederic W. Tilton,
Henry H. Fay,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
David King,	Henry E. Turner,
LeRoy King,	Henry N. Ward,
Seth W. Macy,	George H. Wilson,

and six by proxy.

The record of the last annual meeting, held Sept. 29th, 1880, was read and approved.

The gentlemen whose names appear on page three were then elected officers of the Company for the year ensuing.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company :

Benjamin F. Downing, Jr.,	Mrs. Abby Spooner,
Alfred G. Langley,	Mrs. Mary C. Tilley,
Mrs. Susan B. Sherman,	John P. Underwood.

The Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Annual Report of the Directors to the Company was read by the Secretary, accepted, and ordered to be printed, with such changes as should be deemed necessary by the Directors.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

Voted, That a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the Charter, be assessed on each proprietor of a \$25 share.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned.

BENJAMIN F. THURSTON,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1881.

The Directors of "the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum" respectfully present their report for the year ending September 28, 1881 :

Looking back upon the history of the Library for the past year, we cannot but painfully note the loss of valued officers and friends of the institution, who have been removed from the ever-recurring and circling cares of this mortal life to that

"lofty realm where days and years revolve no more."

Not long after the last annual meeting it was apparent that the health of our esteemed and indefatigable Librarian, Benjamin H. Rhoades, was declining. Yet he resolutely performed his various labors until prudence required that he should retire to the comforts and repose of his home. There he lingered until the 23d of December, 1880, when his spirit "returned to God who gave it." Thus passed away a faithful officer, an unassuming scholar and a pure-hearted Christian gentleman. Among his last earthly thoughts were suggestions concerning the Redwood Library, which he had served so long and loved so well.

"Adspicit ad cælum et dulces moriens reminiscitur Argos."

The resolutions passed by the Directors, and the just poetical tribute to his memory by the Rev. Charles T. Brooks may be found in the appendix.

Not long after this melancholy event, we were called upon to record the death of John T. Bush, one of the present board of Directors. He was well known in this community as a sagacious, successful man of business, and for the fidelity with which he discharged the various public duties, which had been intrusted to him by the citizens of Newport. A few months later another of our Board of Directors, Dr. Samuel W. Butler, was suddenly taken from our midst. He was a successful practitioner, of genial and courteous manners, with much business ability.

The Resolutions adopted by the Directors on these occasions may be found in the appendix.

It is not our custom to pass resolutions on the death of a stockholder in the Redwood Library unless he was one of its officers. The death of Joseph J. Cooke seemed to justify a deviation from this custom. A few years ago he purchased an estate in Newport, where he resided part of each year. His knowledge and love of books naturally led him to take deep interest in the Redwood Library, which he manifested by frequent and valuable contributions of works of value. The last one was a fine edition of the works of Sir William Jones, in 13 volumes octavo: while just before his death he voluntarily sent from Providence his donation to the proposed "Special fund for the general purposes" of the library. The resolutions passed upon the death of this well-known Bibliophile, prepared by Dr. David King, are included in the appendix.

THE LIBRARY.

The death of our Librarian, Mr. Rhoades, made it necessary for the Directors to appoint a successor. This was a delicate and difficult duty, inasmuch as they felt obliged to fix the salary at the small sum of one thousand dollars, two hundred dollars of which were to be paid to his assistant. After much consideration they appointed Benjamin F. Thurston, Librarian, and Horace E. Armington, Jr., his assistant, the latter a young man who had charge of the Library during the illness of Mr. Rhoades, having assisted him at times.

The general appearance and condition of the Library are all that can be expected, and entitle the new incumbents to much credit. For not until greater shelf accommodation is obtained, and books so mutilated by constant use as just at this time to be neither useful nor ornamental can be rebound or removed, can the Library present the attractive appearance we desire.

GIFTS.

As usual, we have received valuable volumes from private and official sources, all of which are regularly recorded, and reported by the Librarian at the several monthly meetings of the Directors.

A complete list of all the books presented to the Library during the year will be found in the appendix.

The following contributions to the Gallery of Art and Cabinet of Curiosities were made during the same period.

1. *Madam M. D. W. Rogers*, of Bristol, R. I., whose munificent gift of books to the library is well remembered, has manifested her abiding interest by giving a fac-simile copy of an early number of the "Newport Mercury," artistically framed, so that either side of the sheet can be examined at the pleasure of the reader.

2. *George W. Wales, Esq.*, of Boston, one of our summer residents, presented two admirable marble busts, one of Ariosto and the other of Dante, which will be valued not only for their intrinsic merit, but as an evidence of the donor's regard for the library.

3. *Mrs. S. Adlam* contributed a steel engraving of her late husband, the Rev. Samuel Adlam, an esteemed clergyman of Newport.

4. *Miss Sarah F. Turner*, of Newport, gave a valuable portrait of her late brother, Daniel Turner, of the United States Navy.

Dr. David King, when presenting it on her behalf, made the following remarks :

MR. PRESIDENT :

I have been requested by Miss Sarah F. Turner to present to the Redwood Library and Athenæum, the portrait of her brother, Daniel Turner, Esq., late a Captain in the United States Navy and a citizen of Newport, Rhode Island. Daniel Turner, as I knew him as a familiar friend, was an intelligent and well-informed gentleman in Newport society. He was an accomplished naval officer, and known to be an expert in every department of his profession.

He was born in New Jersey in 1795. His early boyhood was passed in Newport, where he imbibed that fondness for the sea which led him to select the navy as his pursuit in life. He was early attached to Newport, with whose interests he, and his family in subsequent life, became in a degree identified. It was from Newport that he entered the navy in 1808, though

availing himself of the right and privilege of his native state, New Jersey. From Newport he accompanied Captain Oliver Hazard Perry with a large number of Rhode Islanders to the shores of Lake Erie. In the battle on that lake fought on the 10th of September, 1813, by Commodore Perry, Lieut. Turner was the commander of the *Caledonia*. He took the place assigned to him by Perry, opposite the *Hunter* and near the *Lawrence*. Though the wind was light during the battle, which lasted for three hours, it was surprising to Lieut. Turner, as well as the other commanders, that Capt. Elliot, of the *Niagara*, did not find occasion in the course of the first two hours, to arrive into the position determined for him by Commodore Perry previously to the battle. It was not owing to the unskilfulness of her crew, for the *Niagara* was one of the best appointed ships in the American fleet; as is proved by her successful manœuvring under Perry's management. Before Perry came on board she was an inert body floating on the water, but at a distance from the enemy's fleet; and apparently, unable to inflict any considerable injury on the enemy. But under the command of Perry the *Niagara* became a thing of life; and in close quarters, poured into the *Detroit* and *Queen Charlotte*, the *Lady Prevost*, and the *Little Belt*, those deadly broadsides, those sharp and destructive fires of grape and cannister which induced their quick surrender, and gave to the American arms the ever memorable victory. After the conquest the captain of the British fleet, Robert Heriot Barclay, a distinguished commander in Nelson's fleet at Trafalgar, was astonished at the youth of his antagonists. He particularly noticed Lieut. Turner; seeing that he was a mere boy, he remarked to Commodore Perry: "if your boys can fight so well, what may we not expect from your men?" Commodore Perry, in his letter to the Secretary of the Navy, dated at Put-in-Bay, September 13, 1813, says that "Lieut. Turner, commanding the *Caledonia*, brought that vessel into action in the most able manner; and is an officer, that in all situations may be relied on."

Such a character, early given to him by his brave and heroic Commander, Perry, he maintained through life. His various naval services to his country, from 1813 to 1850, were distinguished in their performance by signal skill, efficiency and judgment. He was always the man to be depended on, in any difficult emergency. At his death, he ranked the eighteenth on the list of Captains in the United States Navy. He died suddenly at Philadelphia in February, 1850, at the age of 55. His loss was deeply deplored by his friends and his country.

Gentlemen : I place in your hands the portrait of Daniel Turner, late a Captain in the United States Navy, a brave and noble commander, and a distinguished citizen of Newport. I know that you will highly value it. I trust that you will cause it to be placed on our walls by the side of that of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, with whom in life he had the deepest sympathy, and for whose character he ever cherished the sincerest admiration.

NUMBER OF BOOKS.

The number of books by the last annual report was, as it appears by the statement of the Librarian,	23,660
Since added, by purchase, - - -	155
“ “ “ gift, - - -	174
“ “ “ binding pamphlets and periodicals, -	5
Total number Sept. 1, 1881, -	<u>23,994</u>

The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1881, was 38.

The number of books circulated during the same period was 7,833.

And on the following subjects :

1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, -	9
2. Arts—Fine, - - - -	47
3. Biography, - - - -	612
4. Fiction and Juveniles, - - -	4,648
5. Travel, Discovery, &c., - - -	331
6. History, - - - -	562
7. Greek and Latin Classics, - - -	7
8. Law and Politics, - - -	12
9. Literature, Essays, &c., - - -	443

10. Periodicals,	-	-	-	-	755
11. Philosophy, Mental and Moral,	-	-	-	-	29
12. Poetry and Drama,	-	-	-	-	205
13. Science,	-	-	-	-	96
14. Theology and Ecclesiastical History,					77

We repeat, it must not be inferred that the number of books circulated gives the extent of the use of the contents of the Library. Our spacious halls and quiet nooks invite the student, who has some special work in progress. And they are no less attractive to the temporary subscriber, who longs to luxuriate over the latest magazines. It is quite likely to be true, that as many volumes are read or consulted within the Library as are taken away for perusal. Its rich literary treasures are for consultation quite as much as for circulation.

FINANCES.

The accurate report of the Treasurer, hereto appended, exhibits the operations of his department during the past year, and the character of the investment of funds belonging to the institution. It must be borne in mind that a Library organized like our own is not a money-breeder, but an absorbent of that vital element of prosperity. The income of the company applicable to general purposes, that is, for maintaining and conducting the Library, is about sixteen hundred dollars for a year; a very inadequate sum for the proper management of our very valuable property. For this reason, a year ago the Directors and Company both voted that it was expedient to create a fund by voluntary contribution, to be designated "The special fund for general

purposes," the income thereof to be exclusively devoted to the payment of the cost of "running the machine;" that is, for the payment of the salaries of the Librarian and his assistant, for labor, gas, fuel, repairs, insurance, and other incidental and unavoidable expenses. The necessity of such a fund becomes day by day more obvious and imperative. If this fact could be earnestly brought to the knowledge of those who are interested in the prosperity of Newport, it is believed they would cheerfully contribute to the proposed fund, and thus place the Redwood Library in an independent position, and relieve its managers from any future appeal to the liberality of the public.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

NEWPORT, R. I., September 28, 1881.

APPENDIX.

OBITUARIES.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. Benjamin H. Rhoades.
Passed Dec. 24, 1880.

Resolved, That in the death of the late Benjamin H. Rhoades, Esq., we deplore the loss in our community of the modest Christian, the true gentleman and the refined scholar.

Resolved, That his modest and unassuming nature shed a grace over his intellect, which last, indeed, was equal to all occasions in his calling.

Resolved, That his presence will be especially missed as our Librarian, for which his University education prepared him, and to which his later studies tended to perfect him according to an ideal model in his own mind.

Resolved, That we will attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to his family with an expression of our deepest sympathy in their severe affliction.

Resolved, That the Library be closed till after the funeral.

IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN H. RHOADES.

The air seemed hushed by some sweet spell—
 Faint tones of Christmas bells drew near—
 When suddenly a mournful knell
 Smote harshly on my startled ear.

In dull vibrations, wave on wave,
 The tones funereal seemed to roll;
 I felt the opening of a grave—
 The requiem of a parting soul.

Could I believe the words they said?
 Was it not all a dream—no more?
 That thou, O noble friend! wast dead—
 That all thy work on earth was o'er?

My heart within me sank—the hum
 Of those aerial bells was drowned;
 The heavens above grew dark and dumb,
 And lone and drear seemed all around.

I stood within those walls where thou
 Long years in faithful toil hadst spent;
 How still and sad and lonely now!
 It seemed thy empty monument.

But, as I wandered forth again,
 And mused upon departed worth,
 I seemed to hear a solemn strain
 That bore my soul above the earth.

The strength of God had made me strong.
 Upborne, as by a heavenly breath,
 I heard again the angel's song—
 Of Love triumphant over death.

The Christmas bells pealed forth once more
 Their festal music, sweet and clear,
 But tenderer, holier than before
 As borne from some supernal sphere.

A voice from Heaven within me said:
 "Hear what the Eternal Spirit saith:
 God is the God not of the dead—
 Who dwell in Him can know no death.

And didst not thou in God abide,
 O brother! while a pilgrim here?
 By toil and care and sorrow tried,
 Thou hadst a Rock of Refuge near.

Thine was a lowly, tranquil mind,
 With worldly passion undefiled,
 A spirit patient, meek and kind,
 The spirit of a guileless child.

To do thy heavenly master's will—
 That mark thy youth kept well in sight;
 To life's last hour thy aim was still
 To seek the truth and do the right.

For all who wore the human form
 Thou hadst a brother's tender tone;
 Thy soul, with generous impulse warm,
 Felt each one's sorrows as its own.

Ye sorrowing hearts, O hear the voice
 That whispers comfort from the skies,
 And in that Sun of Love rejoice
 That dries the weeping mourner's eyes.

O brother! while thy form we lay
 To mingle with its native dust,
 We lift our thoughts to heaven and say:
 Blest is the memory of the just!

Though thy pale frame must mouldering lie,
 Where earth to earth in trust is given,
 The spirit soars to life on high—
 Thy Christmas morning dawns in Heaven!

C. T. B.

Resolutions on the death of Mr. John T. Bush. Passed
 January 7, 1881.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. John T. Bush,
 while in common with our whole community we deplore
 the loss of a fellow citizen of rare uprightness, generosity
 and public spirit, as members of this institution and of its
 Board of Directors we shall sadly miss the presence of
 a wise counsellor, an efficient worker and a valued friend.

Resolved, That the tender sympathies of this Board are
 respectfully extended to the family of our departed asso-

ciate, with the assurance of our grateful sense of his long and faithful service, his eminent worth and his stimulating example.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late brother, and that as a body we will attend his funeral.

Resolutions on the death of Dr. S. W. Butler. Passed April 9, 1881.

WHEREAS, We are again called to bow to the will of the Supreme Disposer in removing from our earthly society another esteemed and valuable associate, Dr. Samuel W. Butler.

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Butler, while in common with our whole community we mourn the loss of a kindly and faithful physician, a courteous Christian gentleman and a citizen who for a generation had been ardently devoted to the social and educational interests of our city, as members and Directors of this institution, we shall sorely miss the countenance and co-operation of one who for many years has been in word and work an assiduous officer and friend of the Library, and has left a memory which will ever temper our sorrow over his loss with gratitude for his service and example.

Resolved, That our sincere sympathy is respectfully tendered to the family of our late associate.

Resolved, That this Board will attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That the library be closed for the day.

Resolutions on the the death of Joseph J. Cooke, Esq.

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum held at the Library on Monday, July 11, 1881, the following resolutions, offered by Dr. David King, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this association receives the intelligence of the death of Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., at his residence at Elmwood, with the deepest regret, as involving the loss of an accomplished and valuable member.

Resolved, That during the several past years of his citizenship in Newport this association has received marked benefit from his wise counsel, and his large, liberal and practical views bearing on subjects connected with the interests of the institution.

Resolved, That some of the most valuable works on our shelves will remain to attest his literary taste and his sterling interest in the great object of our association.

Resolved, That his numerous and important benefactions to our Library have impressed us with a grateful sense of the liberality and generosity that characterized his mind.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on our records, published in the public print, and transmitted to the family of Mr. Cooke.

GIFTS

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities
during the year :

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| Adlam, Mrs. Samuel, 1 portrait, framed. | Hunter, Hon. William, Washington, 2 vols. |
| American Colonization Society, Washington, 4 pphs. | Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 1 pph. |
| American Congregational Association, 1 pph. | Lawrence, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs. |
| Arnold, James N., 1 vol. | Library Co. of Phila., 1 pph. |
| Astor Library, New York, 1 pph. | Martin, Joseph H., Atlanta, 1 vol. |
| Bigelow, Mrs. J. W., 1 vol. | Mason, Dr. J. J., 13 Scientific Plates. |
| Binney, C. J. F., Boston, 1 pph. | Mass. Historical Society, 1 pph. |
| Boston Public Library, 1 pph., Bulletin continued. | Mauran, James E., 2 vols. |
| Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, 1 pph., Publisher's Weekly continued. | Narragansett Weekly, continued. |
| Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 2 vols., 1 pph. | New Jerusalem Messenger, continued. |
| Bullock, Alex. H., Boston, 1 pph. | Newport, City of, 2 vols. |
| Calvert, Hon. George H., Popular Science Monthly, 2 newspapers continued. | Newton, Mass. Free Library, 1 pph. |
| Chamber of Commerce, New York, 1 vol. | Padelford, Miss M. L., Prov., 1 vol. |
| Chicago Public Library, 1 pph. | Patent Office. Official Gazette, continued. |
| Cobden Club, London, England, 1 pph. | Peabody Institute, 1 pph. |
| Cooke, Joseph J., Prov., 16 vols. | Peckham, C. B., 9 vols. |
| Dale, T. Nelson, 1 pph. | Prov. Public Library, 1 pph. |
| Fall River Public Library, 1 pph. | Religio-Scientific Journal, continued. |
| Gibbs, Hon. F. A., San Francisco, 1 vol. | Rhoades, Mrs. Benjamin H., 1 photograph. |
| Green, Samuel A., Boston, 1 vol. | R. I., State of, per Hon. J. M. Addeman, 4 vols. |
| Greenough, Mrs. Richard, 1 vol. | Rogers, Mrs. De Wolf, Bristol, 1 copy |
| Hall, Mrs. Emily A., Prov., 1 vol. | Newport Mercury, framed. |
| Hart, Charles Henry, Phila., 1 pph. | Rosengarten, J. G., Phila., 4 pphs. |
| Hartford Library Asso., 1 pph. | Silliman, Augustus E., Babylon, N. Y., 1 vol. |
| Hazard, Hon. Rowland, 1 vol. | Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 5 vols., 1 pph. |
| Home Journal, continued. | Taylor, Rear Admiral Wm. Rodgers, 1 vol. |
| | Turner, Miss Sarah F., 1 large portrait, framed. |

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| Underhill, J. W., Cincinnati, 1 pph. | U. S. Treasury Department, 1 vol. |
| Unitarian Asso., Boston, Review continued. | U. S. War Department, 3 vols. |
| U. S., Hon. A. E. Burnside, 15 vols., 8 pphs. | Wales, Geo. W., Boston, 2 marble busts, 1 vol. |
| U. S. Bureau of Education, 1 vol., 3 pphs. | Wharton, Mrs. D. F., Phila., 1 vol. |
| U. S. Coast Survey, 1 vol. | Winthrop, Hon. R. C., 1 pph. |
| U. S. Interior Department, 42 vols. | Woburn, Mass., Public Library, 2 pphs. |
| U. S. Naval Department, 4 vols., 1 pph. | Woman's Journal, continued. |
| | Worcester Public Library, 1 pph. |

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AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1882.

The Annual meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 1882, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Rev. C. T. Brooks, in the absence of the President, the Hon. Francis Brinley on account of illness, and the company proceeded to business, a quorum of the proprietors being present. There were present forty-nine proprietors and fifty-two were represented by proxies.

The records of the last annual meeting held Sept. 28th, 1881 were read and approved. The following members were elected as a committee to examine and report on

proxies: Mr. George C. Mason and Mr. George W. Wales. The Chair then announced that the Hon. Francis Brinley had declined to be again elected as President of the Society. The following resolutions were then passed unanimously by the proprietors:

Resolutions of Respect and Gratitude to Hon. Francis Brinley.

Resolved: That while we find ourselves compelled to accept the resignation of our honored President, it is with extreme reluctance and sincere regret that we bid this farewell, in his official capacity, to one who during his term of seven years has with such eminent conscientiousness and ability administered the affairs of this Institution, instant in season and out of season, with a zeal and ardor which the physical deprivation of later years had, if possible, rather increased than impaired; who with such uniform urbanity and grace has presided over our deliberations, and on all occasions with such earnestness and eloquence advocated the claims of the Library to public regard.

Resolved: That the memory of these services and of his personal kindness will ever be gratefully cherished by us, and we trust that this assurance may add one more to the many rays of light that cheer him in his outward darkness, and we close with heartfelt wishes for his health and happiness.

The committee on proxies then reported and the Rev. Charles T. Brooks was unanimously chosen President of the Company. Mr. Brooks declined the office.

The following gentlemen were then chosen officers for the year ensuing:

JAMES E. MAURAN, *President.*

CHARLES T. BROOKS, *Vice President.*

DIRECTORS.

William H. Ashhurst,	Henry G. Marquand
William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	James E. Mauran,

George W. Gibbs,	William P. Sheffield,
William Gilpin,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Henry E. Turner,
LeRoy King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins.
Job T. Langley,	Charles C. Van Zandt.
Seth W. Macy,	George W. Wales,
George F. Crandall,	George Gordon King.

JOB T. LANGLEY, *Treasurer*.

WILLIAM P. SHEFFIELD, JR., *Secretary*.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted as members of the Company :

William P. Buffum,	Mrs. S. V. R. Thayer.
Sarah B. Davis,	Thomas I. Wharton,
Stephen B. Luce,	Trustee of estate of E. L. Brinley,
	William J. Underwood.

The Treasurer's report was then read, accepted and ordered to be printed.

Mr. George W. Wales gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would offer an amendment to the constitution reducing the number of directors to fifteen.

The annual report of the Directors to the Company by the President, Hon. Francis Brinley was read, accepted and ordered printed.

It was then voted that a tax of four dollars in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the charter be assessed on each proprietor of a twenty-five dollar share.

Messrs Charles E. Hammett, Jr., George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

It was voted that the Charter and By-Laws be printed with the annual report and its appendices.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR., *Secretary*

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1882:

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum having requested me, as president, to prepare the Annual Report required by the charter, I respectfully submit a report for the year ending September 27, 1882.

THE LIBRARY.

Changes in the arrangement of the contents of the different apartments of the Library, and a partial classification of the books have been made, improving its general appearance, and making it comparatively easy to find any desired volume.

These improvements are mainly due to a vote by the Directors on the 18th of October, 1881; "That James E. Mauran be appointed a committee to assist the President in the general supervision of the property of the Library Corporation."

Mr. Mauran has very faithfully attended to that duty, as will be seen on reference to his report hereto appended. At the same meeting of the Directors it was also resolved "that Dr. King and James E. Mauran be a committee to proceed with the preparation of the catalogue of the Library in whatever manner commends itself to their judgment."

A scientific Catalogue would be a difficult and costly undertaking. Our late associate, the lamented Dr. David King, entertained views in regard to the preparation of a catalogue, which, had he lived, he would undoubtedly have carried out. Under existing circumstances, all that Mr. Mauran could undertake was to cause a copy of the last printed catalogue to be interleaved, and to insert the titles of such volumes as have been received since that catalogue was printed in 1860.

There have been four catalogues printed at different times. The first was prepared by Elnathan Hammond, and was printed in Newport in 1764. The second was prepared by Robert Rogers in 1816. The third was printed in 1843. A portion of the fourth was prepared by Benjamin G. Thurston in 1858, and the remainder by our late librarian, Benjamin H. Rhoades. A very few copies of this catalogue are now in possession of the Library. The number of books at that time was 9504.

The number of books by the last annual report was 23,994

Since added by purchase.	168
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Since added by gift,	198
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Since added by binding pamphlets and periodicals,	110
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Total number, Sept. 1, 1882,	24,470
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The number of pamphlets given during the year ending Sept. 1, 1882, was	151
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The number of books circulated during the same period was	9384
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And on the following subjects:

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| 1. Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, | 49 |
| 2. Arts—Fine, | 62 |
| 3. Biography, | 634 |
| 4. Fiction and Juveniles, | 5282 |
| 5. Travel, Discovery, &c., | 456 |
| 6. History. | 703 |
| 7. Greek and Latin Classics, | 33 |

8.	Law and Politics,	. . . . .	40
9.	Literature, Essays, &c.,	. . . . .	562
10.	Periodicals,	. . . . .	929
11.	Philosophy, Mental and Moral,	. . . . .	34
12.	Poetry and Drama,	. . . . .	286
13.	Science,	. . . . .	181
14.	Theology and Ecclesiastical History,	. . . . .	133

DONATIONS.

As usual we are indebted to many friends for valuable books. A list of the donors of these and other gifts may be found in the appendix. Among the most valuable is a large and elegantly printed Folio of the Colonial Acts of Georgia, given by Mrs. Mary De Renne, of Savannah, Georgia. Also, "a Memorial of Henry Wolcott, one of the early settlers of Windsor, Conn.," an elegant quarto volume, richly illustrated, presented by Samuel Wolcott, Esq. From Mrs. T. G. Ford we have received a collection of books of the value of \$100, and from her sister, Miss Maria Anderson, the sum of \$100 for the purpose of binding 100 volumes of periodicals. It is proper here to insert a copy of a letter from Mr. Wm. G. Weld.

Newport, July 8, 1882.

DEAR SIR:

In consequence of a want felt for more books of the day for light reading than can be had at the Redwood Library, Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, of Philadelphia, has requested me to forward you a check for one thousand dollars, of which the income only is to be invested in new books from time to time, keeping it in your accounts as the "Wm. F. Weld Fund", as more may some time be added to it.

Yours Truly,

WM. G. WELD.

If you would prefer a good R. R. first mortgage bond at par, bearing six per cent, say about twenty years to run, I will furnish it."

To this letter the following answers were returned:

"DEAR SIR:

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library, the Treasurer presented your letter of July 8th, to him, in which you state that Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, of Philadelphia proposes to give one thousand dollars to the Library. Whereupon it was voted that the President express to Mrs. Weld their grateful acknowledgement for her thoughtful liberality. That duty I shall perform with very great pleasure. The opinion of the Directors was that it was best to comply with your suggestion, that they receive such a R. R. first mortgage bond as you described, rather than a check, as it would be a good investment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY.

MY DEAR MADAM:

At a regular meeting of the Directors of the Redwood Library held this afternoon, it was announced that you very kindly propose to present the liberal sum of one thousand dollars, the income of which should be devoted to the purchase of "books of the day of light reading." It was therefore unanimously voted that the President communicate to Mrs. Weld their high appreciation of her generous donation, and that it be kept and called as "the Wm. F. Weld book fund" forever.

Permit me dear Madam to express my personal gratification in presenting to you the vote of the Directors of the Institution over which I have the honor to preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS BRINLEY."

DR. DAVID KING.

Our experienced and most useful director and past President died on March 7th, 1882. He was present at our last annual meeting, and took part in its proceedings. Soon after he complained of sickness, and for many weeks there were alternating periods of hope and apprehension among his friends. He was taken from our midst at length.

Dr. King's love for Newport was genuine and fervent, for it was the place of his nativity, and where he had attained distinction as a wise and skillful physician. He testified his regard for its interests and institutions by bequests in his last will for the Redwood Library, the Newport Artillery Co., and the Newport Historical Society. On receiving intelligence of his death, there was a special meeting of the Directors, at which appropriate resolutions were passed, to be found in the appendix, together with an obituary notice in the Newport News, by the Hon. W. P. Sheffield, which may also be found in the appendix.

On the eighth day of last July, a letter was received from David King, executor, and Mrs. Sarah Gibbs King, executrix of the last will of Dr. King. Alas, that it is our sad duty to record that since the receipt of that communication, the honored wife has also "been laid away for immortality."

Communication from the Executrix and Executor of the Will of the late Dr. David King :

Newport, June 29th, 1882.

To the President and the Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport :

GENTLEMEN—

The first clause of the Will of the late David King, is as follows:

"I give and bequeath to the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport such books, medical, classical, etc. in my private library, as I shall designate, upon condition that the said books shall be kept together, and so that it may be distinguished from other books in the said Redwood Library, and be known as the King Collection, and be preserved as a memorial of my late honored father, the late David King, M. D., formerly, from 1799 to 1836, a faithful physician of this city. I also give and bequeath to the said Redwood Library and Athenæum Corporation the sum of two thousand dollars, to be by said corporation safely invested till the whole sum, by the addition of the annual interest to the original bequest, shall amount to four thousand dollars, and then to remain a perpetual fund, the income thereof to be annually applied to the purchase of medical, classical or historical books, to be added by the said corporation to 'the King Collection' herein designated, and in keeping in repair the books embraced in the said collection."

By a codicil to the will of which the above is a copy of the first clause, the following appears of record:

"I hereby so far modify the first clause of my will, made January the fifth, 1876, as to direct the Executrix and Executor of said will to designate the books that shall be given to the Redwood Library to constitute the nucleus of 'the King Collection,' in the Redwood Library."

In the third clause of the will the following appears of record, viz :

"I give the foregoing bequests in the first, second and third clauses to the respectively named associations or companys of Newport, in trust and confidence that they will faithfully carry out my design ; but should any or either of the companys aforesaid refuse the trust desig-

nated to them, or should any or either of them violate the terms or design of said trust designated to them, then I direct my executors or heirs to recover said property by suit or otherwise, as property belonging to my estate, and inheritable by my heirs. Any bequest refused will of course revert to my estate, and be by them distributed according to the provisions of this my last will and testament."

At your convenience will you please advise me if you accept the bequests on the terms named, and if so will you please designate the exact position in the Library building that you will appropriate for "the King Collection." We propose to make the nucleus of the King Collection of books of from six hundred to eight hundred volumes; we are of the opinion that the testator intended that the books forming the collection should always remain in the Library building.

We are very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

SARAH G. KING,	} As Executrix and Executor of the will of the late
DAVID KING,	
	} David King.

Resolution of the Board of Directors, passed July 15, 1882:

WHEREAS, it appears by a communication signed by Sarah G. King, Executrix, and David King, Executor of the last will and testament of David King, M. D., deceased, and a codicil thereto, dated at Newport, June 29, 1882, and directed to the President and the Directors of the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, that said David King "gave and bequeathed" certain books and the sum of two thousand dollars to said Library upon conditions expressed in said will as represented by said communication, therefore

Resolved, That said bequests and trust be received by the Redwood Library upon the terms and conditions therein specified.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to place upon the records the communication from the executrix and executor of the will of the late Dr. King, and the resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit an attested copy of this preamble and resolutions to the executrix and executor of the will of said Dr. David King.

REPAIRS.

On approaching the Library building one misses the old, heavy, wooden, ornate fence which surrounded it. The portion on Bellevue avenue was so decayed that it could not be repaired, and was removed. A portion of it on Redwood street, as far as the iron gate, was overthrown by the wind, and that also has been taken away. As many persons are of the opinion that the disappearance of the fence is an improvement, and as there are no means at the disposal of the directors for a new one of any description, it was thought best to defer further consideration of the matter until after the annual meeting.

The report of Mr. Mauran will show that many necessary, but not conspicuous, repairs have been made by him for the preservation of the building and the books.

The Treasurer's Report will show the condition of the finances of the company; its receipts, its disbursements, and the manner in which its funds are invested.

Two years ago both the directors and the company voted that it was expedient to raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars, the income of which should be devoted to the payment of the general expenses of the Library. Subscriptions to it were to be invalid unless the sum of ten thousand dollars at least was subscribed. It is to be regretted that at the present time the sum of ten thousand dollars has not been raised.

The preparation of this report afforded me an early opportunity to make known through the members of the Board of Directors my desire not to be considered a candidate for re-election as President.

I have been connected officially with the institution for more than a decade—four years as a Director, one year as Vice-President, and at seven successive annual elections have been unanimously chosen President. For these multiplied honors I am most grateful. The memory of the kindness and confidence of the proprietors, and of the courtesy and aid of the directors and the librarians will be deeply engraved on my mind.

On my entering upon the duties of President the library was encumbered and hampered by a heavy debt, growing out of the enlargement of this edifice. From that burthen it has been relieved by friends whose love for the old Redwood Library time had not chilled.

On retiring from office I have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that I leave the institution free from debt. That it may be enabled so to continue must be the ardent desire of every one who recognizes in its origin an interesting event in the literary history of Rhode Island, and who believes that its neglect and consequent decedence would mar the fair fame of Newport.

FRANCIS BRINLEY,

For the Directors.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 29, 1882.

Appendix.

OBITUARIES.

Resolutions on the death of Dr. David King, passed March 7, 1882.

WHEREAS, By the will of the all-wise Father we have been called again to mourn the loss of a singularly beloved and honored associate:

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. David King, while, in common with the whole community, we sorely feel the void left by the taking out of this world of a good physician, an accomplished scholar, a public spirited citizen and a kindly neighbor and christian gentleman—as members and directors of the Redwood Library Company, we shall long miss a wise counsellor, an ardent and indefatigable worker, whose voice and pen, hand and heart, were unweariedly devoted to the interests of this institution, with whose fortunes in dark and in bright days, he had been for so many years identified, and whose name will ever stand high on the roll of its benefactors, and be associated with all our best remembrances of its struggles and successes.

Resolved, That the library be closed on the day of the funeral after 12 o'clock M.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased associate, with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

DEATH OF DAVID KING.

HON. WM. P. SHEFFIELD IN THE NEWPORT NEWS,
MARCH 8, 1882.

Although not wholly unexpected, the decease of Dr. David King which occurred yesterday afternoon, caused a severe shock to the community. He has been ill some time, but was generally supposed to be improving in health, and many of his friends anticipated his recovery and restoration to the activities of professional life.

His father was a native of Raynham, Mass. He came to Newport in 1800, and entered upon his professional duties the same year. He married the daughter of Gen. George Gordon of the revolutionary army and through his entire life maintained a high reputation as a physician and citizen.

The subject of our sketch was born at the old family home on Pelham street in 1812, and was consequently at the time of his death not far from seventy years of age.

His preparatory education was largely acquired under the instruction of our venerable fellow townsman, Hon. Joseph Joslin, who succeeded John Fraser in the old school-house on Church street, long since destroyed, on the spot where Mr. Augustus G. Greene's residence now stands. He took his degree of A. B. at Brown University in 1831, and was honored with the valedictory, as his

brother, Hon. George G. King, had been previously. He graduated in medicine at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1834, and his father having died at about that time, immediately entered upon the practice of medicine in Newport. He soon after married Miss Sarah G. Wheaton, daughter of Rev. Salmon Wheaton, who was then rector of Trinity Church, who survives him.

As a Physician, Dr. King had a successful life. Very many of our oldest and most prominent families were numbered among his patrons from the first and continued with him to the end. From all who knew him he received the praise of being a careful, conscientious and diligent practitioner. He was president of the Rhode Island Medical Society for two years, which is understood to be the limit of that service, and was a censor for many years and so remained until his death, having always been very highly regarded and respected by his medical associates.

Dr. King, though diligent in the discharge of his professional duties, took also an interest in other departments and other professions. Very soon after his entering upon his work as a physician the Newport Historical Society was organized and incorporated, largely through his instrumentality, and he became its president to which position he was annually re-elected until his death. During all this time he never lost an opportunity of saving and collecting documentary or other material connected with historical research, notwithstanding the cares of an extensive and laborious professional business were pressing heavily upon him. His collection of local historical data is very large and very valuable.

Dr. King was also for many years president of Redwood Library and Athenæum, and was still a member of its board of directors. The shelves of the library are crowd-

ed with volumes which attest his zeal and judgment in making such selections as have contributed and will contribute very materially to the high reputation which that institution deservedly enjoys. These selections, it may be well to suggest, were made when the financial power of the library was comparatively small and the opportunities limited.

At the same time that Dr. King was intensely interested in preserving the memory of the former importance of Newport, he was equally interested and active in promoting the present and future welfare of its citizens. He took great interest in the management of the beautiful Island cemetery and was for many years its president.

Dr. King was president of the Rhode Island State Board of Health from its organization and had more recently connected himself with the Newport Sanitary Protection Society whose good work in behalf of the city he had come to recognize. He was also a member of the Cincinnati, of the Rhode Island Historical Society and other congenial institutions.

In his religious life Dr. King was strongly attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church in connection with Trinity Parish, in whose affairs he took a deep interest to the last. He was eminently unselfish in his ambitions through all his life, devoting much of his time and labors to questions of public concern, and seeking the prosperity of his native city and the public, even to the sacrifice of his own.

Dr. King leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters.

REPORT OF MR. MAURAN.

The President and Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum :

In compliance with the resolution of the board of directors of the Redwood Library, at the meeting July 10, 1882, I hereby present this paper as a report of work done under my appointment as special committee since October, 1881.

In the first place thanks are due to Mr. William Watts Sherman, of this city, for the gift of two very capacious black walnut book-cases, now placed in the north-east room, and filled with volumes of Congressional debates which take up the whole of that large apartment.

The second of November, when about to repair the gate and wooden fence on Bellevue avenue, it was found to be rotten at the base, and was accordingly removed; a few weeks later a storm overthrew what remained on Redwood street as far as the iron gate, and the grounds were laid open to view. Since spring the grass has been carefully mowed and kept in good condition. The cellar was overflowed with water caused by defective pipes; the plumber's work has been put in order and the floor made dry. The leaders and gutters on both old and new buildings were also made tight. An air-trunk and tin pipes for the furnace, which were decayed and rendered useless by rust, have been removed. At same time the window panes

were washed, and the 19th of June the cords of the sashes were all renewed with the best material. Most of the chairs were broken and over two dozen had to be repaired and reseated. A new flag staff was set up and the flag unfurled Fourth of July last.

Quite a number of pamphlets were gathered from all parts of the library. These, through the kindly aid of Mr. John B. Newton, were assorted and placed in their appropriate departments. Those of no value were with other stuff, sold, and brought \$8.94. This sum, with \$50 received for rent of ground in rear of building, was paid over to Mr. Job T. Langley, the treasurer. An attempt has been made to better the appearance of the books, of which the greater part are sadly in need of binding. Miss Maria Anderson has generously given the sum of \$100 for the purpose of binding over 100 volumes of periodicals. In preparing those of scientific subjects, the advice and labor of Mr. T. Nelson Dale have been of great service. Mrs. Ford has also donated the institution with an excellent selection of new books of the value of \$100. The busts have been dusted and the shelves and books have been through the same process. The paintings have also been cleaned and placed in a better light, and the gallery rendered more attractive by the loan from Mrs. Dr. Sands of a copy by Wall of Cristafora Allaris' Judith with the head of Holifernes.

In the centre of the large hall stands a fine marble statue of "Grief," recently placed there by the sculptor, Richard H. Greenough.

The following should be considered the most important portion of this report. In no department of the library is there noticed so great an increase as in that of American history. Most of the works relating to it are valuable, so much so as to warrant their being kept in a room

reserved especially for their preservation, protected by a gate and furnished with a study table.

I know of no similar institution that is so courteous in exposing the contents of its alcoves to the inspection and handling of absolute strangers. These recesses should be enclosed by a substantial railing, no one to go inside except members of the society. It is offering a great temptation to literary purloiners. Visitors often express surprise at this mistaken liberality, which is allowed nowhere else. It is to be apprehended at the completion of the catalogue there will be shown the absence and loss of many a valuable work. It is not encouraging to donors of rare and expensive volumes to see their gifts treated with neglect and seeming indifference.

By the attention and zeal of Mr. Risbrough H. Tilley and others, numerous gaps in certain series of publications have been found to exist, most of which have been filled by purchase.

In conclusion allow me to state, that although the cost of the above mentioned improvements so far is over \$250, the Redwood Library has not been called on for a single cent, the expense being defrayed by certain persons whose names shall hereafter be published.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES EDDY MAURAN.

Newport, Aug. 14, 1882.

Dr. Redwood Library and Athenæum in account with Job T. Langley, Treasurer. Cr.

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts.)

1882.		1881.	
Sept. 11, To Cash Payments for Book Account,	\$ 612.57	Sept. 13, By balance of old account,	\$ 94.36
" " " " Expense Account,	281.50	1882	
" " " " Salaries,	1,041.67	Sept. 11, Received for 182 Taxes,	\$910.00
" " " Deposited in Savings Bank for Gen. Cur. Exp. Fund,	2,602.18	" " " Subscription,	299.00
" " " Cash Paid for 2 First Mort. R. R. Bonds,	2,000.00	" " " from J. Carter Brown Book Fund,	225.00
" " " Balance credited new account,	253.59	" " " W. S. Rogers "	180.00
		" " " George G. Kling "	45.00
		" " " Robert Rogers "	40.00
		" " " Mrs. Wm. F. Weld, donation for	490.00
		" " " the Wm. F. Weld Book Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " Int. from the Special Share Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " for One Share Stock Sold,	267.03
		" " " Int. on U. S. Bond, Littlefield Fund,	25.00
		" " " of J. E. Mauran for rent of lot & old papers,	45.00
		" " " for Donations for Gen. Cur. Ex. Fund,	58.94
		" " " Dividends from Savings Bank, Gen.	2,550.00
		" " " Cur. Ex. Fund,	52.18
			<u>\$6,791.51</u>
			253.59
		Sept. 11, By Balance of old account,	
		MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS.	
		" " 1 U. S. 4½ per cent. Bond, Littlefield Fund,	\$1,000.00
		" " Deposit in Savings Bank, G. G. King Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " " W. S. Rogers "	4,000.00
		" " " " Robt. Rogers Fund,	1,000.00
		" " " " J. Carter Brown "	5,000.00
		" " 1 Bond No. 3475, Atchinson, Colorado & Pa-	
		" " effie R. R. Co., at 6 per cent., Wm. F. Weld	
		" " Book Fund,	1,000.00
		" " Deposit in Savings Bank, Special Share Fund,	5,924.56
		" " " " Gen. Cur. Ex.	2,902.18
		" " 1 Bond, Cairo, Arkansas & Texas R. R. Co., at	
		" " 7 per cent., Gen. Cur. Ex. Fund,	1,000.00
			<u>\$22,836.74</u>
		Newport, R. I., Sept. 11, 1882.	E. E. JOB T. LANGLEY, Treas.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job. T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and found them correct.

CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR.,
J. H. COZZENS,
GEO. F. CRANDALL,

} Auditing Committee.

GIFTS.

To the Library, Gallery of Art, and Cabinet of Curiosities during the year :

Addeman, Hon. J. M., Prov., 1 vol.	Bush, Mrs. John T., Christian Register, continued.
Almon, Mrs. Mary Wolcott, 1 vol.	Calvert, Hon. George H., Popular Science Monthly, continued.
American Colonization Society, Washington, 5 pphs.	Chamber of Commerce, N. Y., 1 vol.
American Unitarian Association, Boston, 2 vols.	Chicago Public Library, 1 pph.
Angell, James B., Pres. University of Michigan, 1 pph.	Cincinnati Board of Education, 1 vol.
Archæological Institute of America, 2 pphs.	Cincinnati Public Library, 1 pph.
Arnold, James N., Hamilton, R. I., Narragansett Historical Register, continued.	Clarke, Chaplain, U. S. S. New Hampshire, 1 vol.
Astor Library, New York, 1 pph.	Clarke, Thomas H., Supt. of Public Schools, 2 vols.
Baltimore, Md., Mayor and City Council of, 1 vol.	Clymer, Mrs., 1 vol., numerous pphs.
Bancroft, Hon. George, English Newspapers and Periodicals.	Cobden Club, London, England, 2 vols., 9 pphs.
Boston Athenæum, 1 vol.	Cornell University, 1 vol.
Boston Public Library, 5 pphs. Bulletin continued.	Cornwall, Mrs. Sarah J., New York, 1 vol.
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, 1 pph.	Cox, Hon. W. R., North Carolina, 2 pphs.
Brinley, Francis, 1 pph.	De Peyster, Gen. John Watts, New York, 6 vols., 17 pphs.
Brinton, Daniel G., Phila., 2 pphs.	De Renne, Mrs. Mary, Savannah, Ga., 1 vol.
Brooks, Rev. Charles T., 6 vols., 8 pphs., Publishers Weekly, continued.	Drowne, Henry T., N. Y., 1 pph.
Buck, Richard T., Millbury, Mass., Worcester Daily Spy, continued.	Ellery, Harrison, Boston, 1 chart.
	Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., 5 pphs.

- Foster, John, Boston, 1 vol.
 Fox, Capt. G. V., Washington, 1 vol.
 Francis, Dr. Samuel W., 3 vols.
 Friend's Free Library, Germantown, Pa., 1 pph.
 Gerhard, Wm. Paul, 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Hon. F. A., San Francisco, 1 vol., 1 pph.
 Gibbs, Theodore K., 1 vol.
 Gilbert, Frank, 1 vol.
 Green, Hon. S. A., Mayor of Boston, 2 vols. 10 pphs.
 Groton Heights Centennial Committee, 1 vol.
 Hall, Mrs. Emily A., Prov., 1 vol., 12 pphs.
 Handy, Annie E. and Mary C., 1 vol.
 Harlan, Dr. Caleb, Wilmington, Del., 1 vol.
 Harvard College, 1 pph.
 Hazard, Thomas R., 1 vol.
 Holman, Thomas, Portsmouth, R. I., Spearine Fossil Fern.
 Hunter, Hon. William, Washington, 5 vols.
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CHARTER.

COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND, &c.

By the Honorable the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England in America, in General Assembly met at Newport, within and for the Colony aforesaid, on the third Tuesday in August, one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven :

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING.

WHEREAS, Abraham Redwood, Esquire, hath generously engaged to bestow five hundred pounds sterling, to be laid out in a collection of useful books suitable for a Public Library proposed to be erected in Newport, aforesaid, and, having nothing in view but the good of mankind, hath chosen to make his donation as lasting and diffusive as possible ; to which end James Honyman and others have been invited to join him, and, so far as in them lies, to form a society or company, for the propagating virtue, knowledge and useful learning ; which they have accordingly done, &c. : whereupon the said Society have made application to this Assembly for a charter of incorporation, who, highly approving of so noble and generous design, and being willing and desirous to give all the assistance and encouragement which it justly merits, have given, and by these presents the said Governor and Com-

pany do, for themselves and their successors, give and grant, that the said Abraham Redwood, James Honyman, and others, and all others that shall be by them admitted members of their Company, be, and they are hereby constituted, erected, and made a body politic and corporate, to subsist, at all times for ever hereafter, in deed and name, by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY, and, by the same name, shall and may have perpetual succession, and be personable and taxable in law; to have, hold, receive, and enjoy lands, tenements, rents, liberties, franchises, and hereditaments, in fee-simple, or for a term of life, lives, years, or otherwise; and also goods, chattels, and other things, of what nature, kind, or quality soever; and also to give, grant, let, sell, or assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels; and to do and execute all other things about the same by the name aforesaid. And also that they and their successors, by the name of the Company of the Redwood Library, be, and shall be for ever hereafter, a company of persons able and liable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended against, in all or any of the courts of law or other places, and before any judges, justices and other persons whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of every kind and nature whatsoever. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of the Redwood Library, and successors, for ever hereafter to have one common seal for their use in their affairs; and the same, at their will and pleasure, to change and alter. And for the well-governing and ordering their affairs, the Governor and Company of the colony aforesaid do hereby further grant, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company and their successors to assemble and meet together on the last Wednesday in September in every year, and at such other

times as they shall think convenient, at their Library or any other suitable place in the town of Newport; due and public notice being given at least five days before the times of such meetings, not only of the day, hour, and place of such meeting, but of the cause thereof, and of the matters to be transacted therein. And that the said Company, or one-fourth part of them at least, in person, or by proxy duly constituted in writing, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such laws, statutes, orders and constitutions as shall appear to them, or the major part of them, to be good and useful, honest and necessary, for the government, regulation, and direction of the Company, and every member thereof; and for the appointing and regulating the election or nomination of Directors, a Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary, and such and so many other officers as they may think fit, and for limiting and appointing their trust and authority; and for the admitting new members; and to do all things concerning the government, estates, goods, lands, and revenues, as also all the business and affairs, of the said Company. All which laws, statutes, orders, and constitutions, so to be made as aforesaid, shall be binding on every member, and to be from time to time inviolably observed according to the tenor and effect of them, *provided* that they be not repugnant to the law of England or the Colony. And now, and that the intent hereof may prove more effectual, and inflame the worthy zeal of the Company, GIDEON WANTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the Colony aforesaid, doth, by the direction of the said Assembly, subscribe his name, and cause the seal of the said Colony to be affixed hereunto, the twenty-fourth day of August, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty GEORGE THE SECOND, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

(Signed)

GIDEON WANTON.

(Sealed with the Seal of the Colony.)

By order of his Honor the Governor,

(Signed)

THOMAS WARD, *Secretary*.

THE CHARTER AS AMENDED IN 1856.

An Act in amendment of the several Acts heretofore passed by the General Assembly in amendment of, and addition to, the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum at Newport.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECT. 1.—Said Company shall be known and called by the name of THE COMPANY OF THE REDWOOD LIBRARY AND ATHENÆUM, and by that name shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, rights, and immunities, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities, and burdens, of said Company, in the same manner and to the same intent and effect as under the former name.

SECT. 2.—The rights in said Library shall not be liable to be attached, or levied upon, by any writ or execution for any debt, duty or demand, of what kind or nature soever.

SECT. 3.—And be it further enacted, that the following Articles be added to, and form a part of, the charter of said Company ; viz :—

ART. 1.—The Library and property of the Company shall be held in shares, of which the members shall have certificates signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 2.—There shall be a meeting of the Company,

at the Library-room, on the last Wednesday in September annually, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Fifteen members present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for business.

ART. 3.—Special meetings on other days may be called by order of the President or of the Directors; or upon request, made in writing to the President, by ten members of the Company.

ART. 4.—At those special meetings, such business only shall be transacted as shall be specified in the order for calling the same, and in the notice given of such meetings to the members.

ART. 5.—Public or personal notice of every meeting of the Company (except adjourned meetings, notice of which shall be put up in the Library-room) shall be given by the Secretary, at least five days previous to such meeting.

ART. 6.—Each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote by himself, his attorney or proxy, on every share by him held, at all meetings of the corporation; provided that no proprietor shall ever have exceeding five votes in his own right, whatever may be the number of shares he may hold.

ART. 7.—No transfer of any share shall be valid, until approved by the Company or the Board of Directors, and properly authenticated by a certificate signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 8.—All taxes and fines due from any members shall attach upon their shares in the Library; and no transfer of any such shares shall be valid, until such taxes and fines shall be paid.

ART. 9.—At every annual meeting, each member shall pay to the Treasurer one dollar, to be appropriated to the purchase of books.

ART. 10.—All taxes necessary for repairs, and other purposes of the Institution, shall be assessed by the

Company at their annual meetings, or at special meetings called agreeably to the third, fourth, and fifth Articles.

ART. 11.—Any member who shall neglect to make the annual payment established by the ninth Article, or who shall neglect, after notice, in writing, from the Treasurer or from the Secretary, to pay any tax assessed by the Company, or any fine by him incurred, shall be deprived of the use of the Library during such delinquency.

ART. 12.—If any member shall so continue to neglect for the space of one year after such notice, his right and share in the Library shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, to the Company ; provided that, three months previous to such forfeiture, further notice thereof shall be given to the delinquent member by the Treasurer or the Secretary, and that no share shall be forfeited for any fines or taxes of less amount than five dollars ; provided also that every member, who shall be absent at sea at the time the forfeiture of his share would accrue, shall be allowed three months, with notice as aforesaid, after his return, before such forfeiture shall take place.

ART. 13.—The Company, at their annual meetings, shall elect from among their members a President, eleven Directors, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers as they shall think necessary ; vacancies in any of which offices shall be filled at any special meeting. If more than one candidate be nominated for any office, the Company shall elect by ballot. If no person shall have a majority of the votes, the ballot shall be taken again between the two persons having the highest number on the first trial. The votes shall be counted by the Treasurer and Secretary, except in their own election ; the votes in which case shall be counted by the President, or by either of the Directors.

ART. 14.—*The President.*—He shall have a general superintendence of the Library ; shall preside at the meet-

ings of the Company and of the Directors, of whom he may call special meetings at such times as he shall think necessary ; and shall himself be a director *ex officio*.

ART. 15—*The Directors*.—They shall meet at the Library-room on a stated day in each quarter, or at such other times and places as they shall appoint ; of all which meetings, except those by adjournment, every Director not absent from the island shall have notice given him by the Secretary. The votes of six Directors personally present shall be necessary for the adoption of any measure.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to superintend the Library and property of the Company, direct the purchase of books, to make necessary repairs, and adopt temporary regulations (not inconsistent with the charter and laws of the Company) in cases unprovided for ; such regulations to remain in force only until the next meeting of the Company.

They shall select and appoint a Librarian, whom also they may remove ; shall prescribe his duties, and fix the amount of compensation to be allowed him.

When any member shall recommend any book or work to the Directors by leaving the title thereof with the Librarian, the same shall be considered by them.

They shall have power to ascertain all fines due to the Company, but not to remit any fines incurred by a breach of the laws of the Company ; which they shall take care to have strictly enforced.

They may grant the privilege of the Company, so far as relates to the use of the books, to such distinguished strangers, or liberal benefactors to this Library, as may be temporarily resident in the city of Newport.

At the annual meeting of the Company, the Directors shall make report of their proceedings during the past

year; and shall recommend for the consideration of the Company such measures as they may think advisable.

ART. 16.—All moneys due to the Company, in taxes, fines, or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer, and be by him held subject to the orders of the Company and of the Directors. Upon non-payment, after proper notice, of any money so due, the Treasurer shall have power, with the advice of the Directors, to sue for and recover the same in the name of the Company.

He shall account annually to the Directors, on some day not more than one month preceding the annual meeting of the Company, and at such other times as they may require.

ART. 17.—*The Secretary.*—He shall keep journals of the proceedings of the Company and of the Directors, to each of whom he shall act as Secretary, and of whose respective meetings he shall give due notice to the several members.

He shall record all transfers of shares approved of by the Company; and, under the orders of the Directors, shall have the care of the charter, laws, and deeds of the Company.

ART. 18.—All the books belonging to the Library shall be on the shelves on the Wednesday previous to the annual meeting in each year; and every proprietor, who shall refuse or neglect to return the book or books which may be out on his respective share or shares, shall pay, as a fine for such neglect, the sum of twenty-five cents.

ART. 19.—Every proprietor who may neglect or refuse to pay any taxes or assessments which may have been or shall be ordered at the annual meeting of the Company, or any fine or fines legally assessed by the Directors or Librarian for the detention of books, for the space of three months after such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall have been respectively levied, shall be debarred the use of the Library, as it respects the taking-out of books, until such taxes, assessments, or fines, shall be paid.

All Acts heretofore passed by this General Assembly, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT
THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1861.

An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, and of the several acts in amendment thereof."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. That in addition to the officers which the corporation of the Redwood Library and Athenæum may elect by law, the said corporation may annually elect a Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio a director and not exceeding eight additional directors.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their trusts.

SEC. 3. The power heretofore conferred upon the corporation to adjudicate upon the forfeiture of shares in certain cases is hereby conferred upon the board of Directors.

SEC. 4. So much of the acts to which this is an amendment as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER PASSED AT
THE JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1867.

An Act in addition to the Charter of the Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport, and in amendment thereof.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The Redwood Library and Athenæum in Newport are hereby authorized in their discretion to issue any number of shares in said Library not exceeding one hundred at the par value of one hundred dollars, the proceeds of which shares shall be funded and the annual income thereof be applied to the uses of the Library. Such additional shares shall however be exempt from all assessments or taxation by the corporation.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors of the said corporation may be increased to any number not exceeding twenty-five.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Library and Reading-room shall be kept open on such days and at such hours as the Directors may designate.

2. All books, pamphlets, &c., shall be legibly marked with the name of the Library; and, if presented, shall have inscribed in them the names of the givers, unless otherwise requested.

3. Each person entitled to the privileges of the Library shall be allowed to take out any two volumes at a time: which may be kept, if a folio or quarto, for four weeks; if an octavo or a duodecimo, for two weeks; and if a pamphlet, for one week. Of a set of books, he may take, at any time, two volumes; the latter of which, he may retain for the whole time which would have been allowed for both, had they been taken separately.

4. If any person shall detain a book over the time allowed, he shall pay, as a fine, five cents for every day's detention of such book; and, if it shall not be returned within twenty days after demand made in writing therefor by the Librarian, he shall pay the value of the book, or of the set to which it belongs,—the value to be estimated by the Directors.

5. Any person who shall soil or damage or lose a book belonging to the Library shall be liable to such fine as

the Directors may impose : or shall pay the value of the book. or of the set, if it be a part of a set, as the directors may elect.

6. Any person entitled to books may enter his name with the Librarian for any book then out, and shall be entitled thereupon to receive such book when returned. But no name shall be entered at any one time for more than one book, or two volumes of a set; nor shall more than one name be entered at the same time for the same book : and such book shall be reserved for only one library-day.

7. No book shall be delivered to any one but a stockholder, or a member of his immediate family, or upon a stockholder's written order, except as provided for in Article 20 : and no person shall take a book from the Library, except at the hands of the Librarian or his Assistant; to either of whom only shall such book be returned.

8. The Librarian shall have power to prohibit the removal of books from the shelves, whenever he may deem such removal improper.

9. No book belonging to the Library shall be lent by any person taking the same, under the penalty of one dollar.

10. The Librarian shall carefully examine all books returned; and shall, at the time, note any damage done to them, in a book kept for that purpose, in which he shall keep an account of all violations of the regulations relating to the Institution.

11. The Directors may, on special occasions, at their discretion, authorize individuals, not connected with the Institution, to use the Library, under such restrictions as they shall impose.

12. Any person who shall violate any of these regulations shall be liable to forfeit his right to the privileges of

the Institution for one year ; or for a less time, as the Directors shall determine.

13. All books shall be returned to the Library at such times as the Directors may order, when a careful examination of the Library shall be made ; and any person who shall fail to conform to such an order shall be liable to a fine of one dollar.

14. Books belonging to the Library may be used in the Reading room. Any person desiring to use books in the Reading-room shall be furnished with a card, on which he shall designate the book or books asked for, by stating the letter of the shelf and the number of the book on the shelf, and the volume or volumes (all which can be learned from the Catalogue); and this card, which must be presented when a book is asked for to be used in the Reading-room, will be retained as long as the owner retains the books ; but no book, so received, shall be taken from the Reading-room.

15. Each pamphlet or periodical used in the Reading-room shall be returned to its place by the person using it ; and all books used there shall be returned to the Librarian or to his Assistant.

16. All conversation and all conduct, inconsistent with the quiet and orderly use of the Reading-room, are absolutely prohibited. Infraction of this rule will incur the penalty of future exclusion.

17. No books shall be taken from the shelves by any person not employed in the Library, except such as are deposited in the Reading-room for reference.

18. Any stockholder may introduce a friend to the Reading-room, for a day.

19. Any person, with permission of the Directors, may deposit books, or other works of art, in the Library, to remain there for use or otherwise, as the owners may direct ; which shall be under the same care and regula-

tions as the property of the Institution, but without devolving any responsibility on the Company.

20. Under the foregoing Regulations, any persons (though not stockholders) having a temporary residence in the city, with the consent of the Directors, may have the use of the Library and Reading-room by paying therefor five dollars, in advance, for the season, and depositing with the Librarian twenty dollars ; which deposit shall be restored on the return of all books taken out, and the payment of any fines which have been incurred by the depositor. The Directors, however, in their discretion, may dispense with the deposit.

21. All books, when first introduced into the Library, by purchase or gift, shall remain one week on the table before being put into circulation.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COMPANY OF THE

Redwood Library and Athenæum,

NEWPORT, R. I.

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 15TH A. D. 1883.

The Annual Meeting of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum was held at the Library, August 15th, A. D. 1883, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Henry E. Turner, and Hon. Francis Brinley was chosen chairman of the meeting.

There were present the following shareholders:—Francis Brinley, Thomas R. Hunter, William P. Sheffield, Henry N. Ward, William A. Clarke, Benjamin Hazard, Job T. Langley, Frank G. Harris, William G. Stevens, Horatio R. Storer, Seth W. Macy, George C. Mason, James M. K. Southwick, William Gilpin, John P. Sanborn, Henry E. Turner and William P. Sheffield, Jr. The following shareholders were represented by proxies: George Peabody Wetmore, Est. of William King, David King, Anthony S. Sherman, A. Prescott Baker, LeRoy

King, George G. King, Est. of John A. Hazard, Thomas Dunn, Henry S. Peckham, Job A. Peckham, Jr., Thomas P. Peckham and Henry E. Turner, Jr.

The minutes of the preceeding annual meeting were approved as already printed. The act of the Legislature was then read, as follows :

“STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, &C.

In General Assembly, January Session, A. D., 1883.

An act in amendment of the act to incorporate the Redwood Library in Newport, passed at the October session, A. D. 1790.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Redwood Library Company in the town of Newport shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday in August, instead of on the third Wednesday in September, as heretofore.”

It was voted to accept the above amendment to the Charter.

Dr. Henry E. Turner then read the annual report of the Directors to the Company, with the accompanying reports of Mr. Mauran, the treasurer, and librarian, whereupon it was voted the said reports be accepted and three hundred copies thereof be printed.

It was voted to proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were then chosen :

President,	.	.	.	Henry E. Turner.
Vice President,	.	.	.	William Gilpin.

DIRECTORS.

William H. Ashhurst,	Henry G. Marquand,
William A. Clarke,	George C. Mason,
Henry H. Fay,	William P. Sheffield,
George W. Gibbs,	Frederic W. Tilton,
David King,	Hamilton B. Tompkins,
LeRoy King,	Charles C. Van Zandt,
Job T. Langley,	George W. Wales,
Seth W. Macy,	George Gordon King.

Treasurer, Job T. Langley.

Secretary, William P. Sheffield, Jr.

The following persons were then proposed and admitted members of the Company: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Gammell, William G. Weld, Wolcott Gibbs, Frank G. Harris, M. C. Marin, William C. Townsend, Miss Mary E. Leverett, William Brenton Greene, Mrs. Nancy Hazard, The Newport Hospital and Francis O. French.

It was voted that a tax of four dollars, in addition to the tax of one dollar provided for in the charter, be assessed on each proprietor of a share, except the special shares exempt from assessment.

Messrs. Charles E. Hammett, Jr., George F. Crandall and John H. Cozzens were appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's accounts previous to the next annual meeting.

Adjourned.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR.,

Secretary.

137TH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum have the honor to present to the Corporation their Annual Report as follows :

THE LIBRARY.

The changes in the arrangement and classification of books reported as in progress, last year, has been proceeded with as far as circumstances would permit, as will be seen by the report of Mr. Mauran, the retiring President, herewith presented.

The resignation of the President will be laid before you. As the Directors did not deem their power adequate, either to accept his resignation or to appoint any person to fill his place ; and as the hand of Providence had, very shortly before, deprived us of the important and highly valued services and influence of our honored Vice President, Rev. Mr. Brooks, the board has labored, for some time, under some degree of embarrassment, but not such as was believed to warrant the calling of a special meeting of the Corporation so shortly before its annual meeting. The Directors trust that no serious damage has accrued to the interests of the institution from this temporary want of leadership.

In view of the devotion and diligence of Mr. Mauran in prosecuting his duties, the Directors take leave to recommend to the corporation the expression of their obligations to him.

CATALOGUE.

At the time of the printing of our last catalogue, 1860, the number of books was 9504. It now reaches 26,053. Twenty-three years having elapsed, and the number of books having almost tripled, the old catalogue has become nearly valueless. The usefulness of a library, it is unnecessary to say, depends very much upon the facilities afforded by a full and exhaustive catalogue: and it seems to the Directors that the time has arrived when some plan should be devised by which, at no distant date, this very desirable object may be accomplished.

ACCESSIONS AND DONATIONS.

Through the munificence of the late Joseph J. Cooke, Esq., who bequeathed to the Library five thousand dollars, in books to be purchased at the sale of his library, at auction, a considerable accession, 715, of very valuable works has been acquired, which will be added to at future sales.

By a liberal provision in the will of our late associate, Dr. David King, 487 volumes have been added, about half the entire number expected, which at a future time will be increased by the income of a fund also given by him for that purpose.

The Library has also been endowed with one thousand dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books, by the generosity of the late Rev. Dr. Mercer.

By individual gifts it has received during the year 254 volumes and 211 pamphlets. By purchase 124 volumes.

FINANCES.

By the report of the treasurer, presented herewith, it will be seen that the future supply of books is pretty fairly provided for, by generous donations to the book fund, which fund there is every reason to hope will receive further accessions from time to time, and the Library building, there is no reason to doubt, will furnish ample accommodations for all accessions of books for many years to come. But the Directors feel called upon to direct the attention of the stockholders and friends of the Library to the inadequacy of the income now received, which can be applied to current expenses, to the wants of the establishment.

The establishment of free libraries, where books of the class most in use can be had without cost, and the extremely low prices at which such books are published, are constantly tending to draw support from an institution of this character, and the Directors believe that any increase of the annual tax would decrease rather than enhance our resources.

It is estimated that one thousand dollars are needed at this moment for repairs and paint on the exterior of our buildings, as a measure of economy; and at no distant time the question will force itself upon us, whether we shall incur a debt or suffer the buildings to become dilapidated, unless some extraordinary effort is made to secure funds.

The plan inaugurated some time since to secure a fund

of \$10,000, or more, for incidental expenses, has so far only been partially successful, the shares subscribed being conditional on the whole amount being made up. The Directors urge that the stockholders may devise some measures by which the resources of the Library can be put on a more liberal footing, assuring them, at the same time, that nothing but the most rigid economy, (it might be said niggardly), has enabled them to make both ends meet.

It is painful to the Directors to acknowledge that while they take the utmost pride in the possession of the oldest and most valuable Library, of its class, and one better known and more widely appreciated than any other in the country, they are constantly humiliated by the necessity of apologizing for defects growing out of its limited means.

REV. CHARLES T. BROOKS.

During the year the board has suffered the loss, by death, of one of its oldest and most valuable and esteemed members, on whose decease the following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a special meeting, namely :

WHEREAS, The Great Disposer of all things temporal and eternal, who is the God and Father of us all, and in whose hands are life and death, having, in His wise Providence, removed from us by death our late associate, the Rev. Charles T. Brooks,

We, the surviving members of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Library and Athenæum, deeply and sincerely sympathize with the family and relatives of our late associate in this, their great loss.

That this institution has lost one of its most active and useful members. That his place at our Board cannot easily be filled.

That the memories of his gentle manner, his kind and courteous expression of opinion, his firmness in doing always what was right, his disinterested and wise counsel, will long remain with us who have been for a long time officially and personally connected and associated with him.

That this preamble and resolution be entered upon our records, and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

All which is respectfully submitted to the Directors,
by

HENRY E. TURNER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
GEO. C. MASON,		
GEORGE GORDON KING,		

Adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting held August 13th, A. D. 1883, as the Annual Report of the Directors to the Stockholders.

WM. P. SHEFFIELD, JR., Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT,

JAMES EDDY MAURAN.

To the Board of Directors of the Company of the Redwood Library and Athenæum.

Before resigning the offices of President and Director of this Society, I deem it proper to give a short account of the acquisitions by the Library and Museum since my last report of 12th August, ult., as Superintendent.

The number of volumes on the shelves has been increased, during the month of March, by 755 books, of which 715 came from the sale of Joseph J. Cooke's library, in New York, and 40 from that of Dr. David King. The books from the first sale were purchased through the kindness of John R. Bartlett, Esq. Out of the \$5,000 bequeathed by Mr. Cooke to be taken out in books from his collection, there still remains unexpended the sum of \$2,402.49, ready for future use.

Those from the last mentioned auction are very valuable. The bill amounted to \$574.38. This remarkably high cost was quite unexpected, and was owing to fourteen bound volumes of old Newport Mercurys, which paper had never before been offered at public sale. The remainder of the aforesaid books are well worth having.

Mr. David King advanced \$250 to assist in the purchase. The balance came from Mrs. William F. Weld, Mr. Marquand, and others. The Company has thus become the possessor of a precious set of literary varieties, without any outlay from its own well-known limited resources.

The Cabinet, a donation from Miss Ellen Townsend, which now adorns the large hall, filled with old China, formerly belonging to the Easton, Redwood and Townsend families, has, last week, received the addition of a tankard, a teapot, a can, porringer, two tablespoons and small spoon, and a pickle fork, all of silver, manufactured in this town by Samuel Vernon, silversmith, who worked in 1668. Miss Townsend has also presented a card-table, and two very old waiters, of the finest mahogany.

Through Mr. Thomas N. Dale's care, two show-cases have been filled with Indian stone implements and fossils. The Littlefield cabinet of shells has been dusted, and the specimens arranged in their regular order.

Much other work has been done, not necessary to be here mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES EDDY MAURAN,

President.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 16, 1883.

Librarian's Report.

In accordance with a request of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors the Librarian herewith presents a report for the year 1882-83.

The following tables indicate the growth of the library by gift and purchase, and the extent and special character of the circulation during the year. Attention is called to the fact that these tables are prepared for the period of eleven months only (from Sept. 1, 1882, to August 1, 1883)—a plan made necessary by the change in the time of holding the annual meeting.

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes, Sept. 1, 1882,	24,470
Added by purchase,	86
Added by purchase (King sale),	38
Added by gift,	254
Added by gift, (King bequest),	487
Added by gift, (Cooke bequest),	713
Added by binding periodicals,	5
Number of volumes, August 1, 1883,	26,053
Number of pamphlets added by gift,	211

CIRCULATION.

Agriculture, Botany, and Horticulture.	20
Biography,	605
Fiction and Juveniles,	4,090
Fine Arts,	91
History,	622
Law and Politics,	40
Literature, Essays, etc.,	615
Periodicals, bound,	323
Periodicals, in numbers,	1,025
Philosophy, Mental and Moral,	23
Poetry and Drama,	191
Science,	185
Theology and Ecclesiastical History,	92
Travel, Discovery, etc.,	354
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Total circulation,	8,276

A comparison of the table of accessions with those furnished in recent years shows a falling off in the number of volumes purchased, but a very large increase in the number of gifts, resulting in a net gain in accessions over previous years of from three to four hundred per cent. The shrinkage in the annual income from the book-funds of the Library, arising from the lower rates of interest paid, is a sufficient cause for the decrease noted in volumes purchased; while the list of donations has been largely swelled by the gift from Mrs. Ford of books valued at \$100, and by the volumes received through the bequests of the late Dr. David King, of Newport, and the late Joseph J. Cooke, of Providence.

Among the notable accessions from the Cooke bequest the following are worthy of mention: Lamb's works, large paper copy, 5 vols., octavo, half morocco; Hooker's *Garden Ferns*, (64 colored plates); Works of Rabelais, 2 vols., octavo, London, 1708,—unique illustrated copy, with Picart's *Series of Plates* inserted; Planche's *Cyclopædia of Costume*, quarto; Forster's *Dickens*, 3 vols., in tree-calf; *The Naval Chronicle*, 40 vols., octavo, London, 1799–1818, half calf; Ackermann's *Repository of Arts*, 40 vols., octavo, London, 1810–1828, with colored plates, hand painted; Thurloe's *State Papers*, 7 vols., folio, London, 1742; Picard's *Religious Ceremonies*, 6 vols., folio, Amsterdam, 1723–33, with plates; Cary's *English Atlas*, quarto, London, 1787; Cuvier's *Animal Kingdom*, 16 vols., quarto, London, 1827–30, with 800 plates; Lodge's *Portraits of Illustrious Personages of Great Britain*, quarto, 6 vols., London, 1823–32, half vellum, plates on India paper; *Arabian Nights Entertainments*, 3 vols., octavo, in tree-calf; Chalmers' *University of Oxford*, octavo, 1810; Rawlinson's *Herodotus*, 4 vols., octavo; *Oeuvres de Mirabeau*, 9 vols., octavo; Knight's *Gallery of Portraits*, 7 vols., octavo; Hervey's *Naval History of Great Britain*, 5 vols., with plates.

The works received from the King bequest consist largely of medical treatises, many of them of great value. The collection includes, also, several elegantly printed and bound editions of the classical authors, and historical works of interest. The additions obtained by purchase from the sale of the King Library include fourteen volumes of the *Newport Mercury*, with dates ranging from

1758 to 1792. These volumes are richly bound, and cannot, probably, be duplicated. They are, perhaps, the most important accession of the year; and with the volumes already owned by the Library (from 1795 to date) constitute the most complete and valuable set of this historic paper in existence.

The following works, among those purchased or given during the year, possess special interest or value : Original Portraits, etc., of Washington, by Elizabeth B. Johnston, and *The Homes of our Forefathers*, (Rhode Island and Connecticut), from original drawings, Edwin Whitefield, from Mrs. Ford; *Old English Plate*, W. J. Cripps, from Messrs. Howard & Co.; *Central Nervous System of Reptiles*, etc., illustrated by Photo-Micrographs, John J. Mason, from the author; *Diary of Col. Winthrop Sargent*, privately printed, edition limited, from Mrs. De Renne, of Savannah, Georgia; *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, 2 vols., and *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society*, 5 vols., from Miss Ellen F. Mason; *Richardson's Dictionary of the English Language*, 2 vols., quarto, from Estate of Dr. Mercer; *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature*; *Imperial Dictionary of the English Language*, 4 vols., quarto; *English and Scottish Popular Ballads*, Professor F. J. Child, Part I.; *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 6 vols.; *Encyclopædia Britannica*, vols. XIV. XV. A complete list of the donors of gifts to the Library during the year may be found in an appendix.

An examination of the statistics of circulation shows a slight decrease from the figures of the last report, but a

gain over previous years. The monthly average during the present library year was 752; during the year ending September 1, 1882, 782, and in 1881 and 1880 but 563 and 661, respectively. A noticeable feature has been the decrease in the proportion of works of fiction circulated. In 1881 the percentage was 59 +; in 1882, 56 +; while in the past year it falls to 49 +, or a trifle less than half the entire number of volumes issued. These figures will bear favorable comparison with those furnished by the best institutions of the country, and attest the intelligence and literary taste of the patrons of the Library.

The departments of literature which show a gain in circulation include those of Fine Arts; Biography; Political Literature; General Literature, Essays, etc.; Periodicals, and Science; while Travel and History have suffered but a small loss.

The table given does not include works read or consulted within the Library walls. Of these no record is kept; but the number is large, and probably is but little less than that of volumes taken from the Library for home use.

A brief notice of some features of the work done in the Librarian's department during the two years past may prove of interest. The entire contents of the Library proper, with the exception of the works on scientific subjects and a few of a miscellaneous character, have been rearranged upon the shelves, so as to render them more readily accessible. This work has involved the removal of a large proportion of the books from one part of the building to another, and in many cases the entire reclassi-

fiction of a subject. The plan followed has been the arrangement of the books by subjects, all works in a given class being placed together, subjects being subdivided where possible, and the books under each final subdivision being arranged in the alphabetical order of their authors' names. The system has been somewhat modified, to conform to the necessities of the shelving room at command, and is open to further modification as required. It is a system particularly adapted to the wants of an institution like the Redwood, which has no working catalogue, and where both Librarians and patrons must depend largely, if not entirely, upon the shelf arrangement for information and guidance.

In cataloguing, a beginning has been made. On the 1st of January, 1882, an alphabetically arranged manuscript catalogue of all works of fiction, with double entries for title and author's name, and cross references where necessary, was completed, and has been continued to date. In July, 1882, work was begun upon a card catalogue, and there are now completed and in use catalogues of this description of the works on History; Biography, American and English; Periodicals; and works printed in French and German. During the winter and spring of 1882-83 the Library gave to the Newport Medical Society, through its Librarian, Dr. Horatio R. Storer, the privilege of making, for the use of the Society, a catalogue of the medical works upon its shelves. In turn, the Medical Society has tendered the Library the use of the catalogue thus prepared by Dr. Storer, and a copy has been made upon cards.

About a year ago a new charging system was introduced, and has been found admirable in its workings. It is a modification of a system in quite general use in public libraries, and may be called a double-entry-slip system. Its principal advantage over the old ledger system is the facility it offers for tracing books which may not be promptly returned ; while in minor points it far excels the old plan.

In conclusion the Librarian would call attention to the lamentable and urgent necessity of funds for binding. These are sadly needed, both to make available to the patrons of the Library its full resources, and not less to ensure an appearance of general neatness and good order about the Library rooms, which already suffer severely from the shabbiness of the volumes upon the shelves. Many works published in sets have never been completed, or have suffered the loss of one or more volumes. In some cases, valuable sets are from this cause rendered almost useless, and a portion of the Library funds could certainly be used to no better advantage than in supplying these deficiencies.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. THURSTON,

Librarian.

Newport, August, 1883.

Dr. Redwood Library and Athenaeum in account with Job T. Langley, Treasurer.

(A recapitulation of detailed accounts.)

		1882	1883	1884
Aug. 13.	To cash payments for Book Account, - - - - -	\$ 475 71		\$ 253 59
"	" " Expense Account, - - - - -	151 42		
"	" " Salaries, - - - - -	1,100 00		\$840 00
"	" " Mercer Book Fund, - - - - -	43 42		283 50
"	" deposited in Savings Bank for Gen. Cur. Exp Fund, - - - - -	190 26		200 00
"	" " " David King - - - - -	80 00		160 00
"	" legacy from Est. David King, invested in R. R. Bonds, 2,000 00 - - - - -			40 00
"	" balance credited new accounts, by - - - - -	\$ 47 08		40 00
"	Incidental account, - - - - -			45 00
"	Book account, - - - - -	314 83		80 00
"	Mercer book account, - - - - -	956 58		33 45
"	Mrs. W. F. F. Weld book account, - - - - -	45 00		237 36
		1,363 54		130 26
		<u>\$5,444 35</u>		60 00
				1,460 00
				2,000 00
				40 89
				<u>\$5,444 35</u>
				<u>\$1,363 54</u>

		Aug. 13, By balance of old account, - - - - -	MEM. OF INVESTED FUNDS	
"	"	1 U S 4 1/2 per cent Bond, Littlefield Fund, - - - - -	\$1,000 00	
"	"	Deposit in Savings Bank, G. G. King - - - - -	1,000 00	
"	"	" " W. S. Rogers - - - - -	4,000 00	
"	"	" " Rob't Rogers - - - - -	1,000 00	
"	"	" " J. Carter Brown - - - - -	5,000 00	
"	"	" " David King - - - - -	80 00	
"	"	" " special Share - - - - -	5,934 56	
"	"	" " Gen. Cur. Exp. - - - - -	3,692 44	
"	"	1 Bond No. 3475, Atchison, Colorado and Pacific R. Co. at 6 per cent., Mrs. Wm. F. Weld Book Fund, - - - - -	1,000 00	
"	"	1 Bond, Cairo, Arkansas, and Texas R. R. Co., at 7 per cent., Gen. Cur. Exp. Fund, - - - - -	1,000 00	
"	"	2 Bonds Houston and Texas Central Railway at 8 per cent., David King Book Fund, - - - - -	2,000 00	
			<u>\$25,107 00</u>	

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of Job T. Langley, Treasurer of the Redwood Library, have examined the same and found them correct.

GEO. F. CRANDALL, { Auditing Committee.
J. H. COZZENS, {
CHAS. E. HAMMETT, JR. }

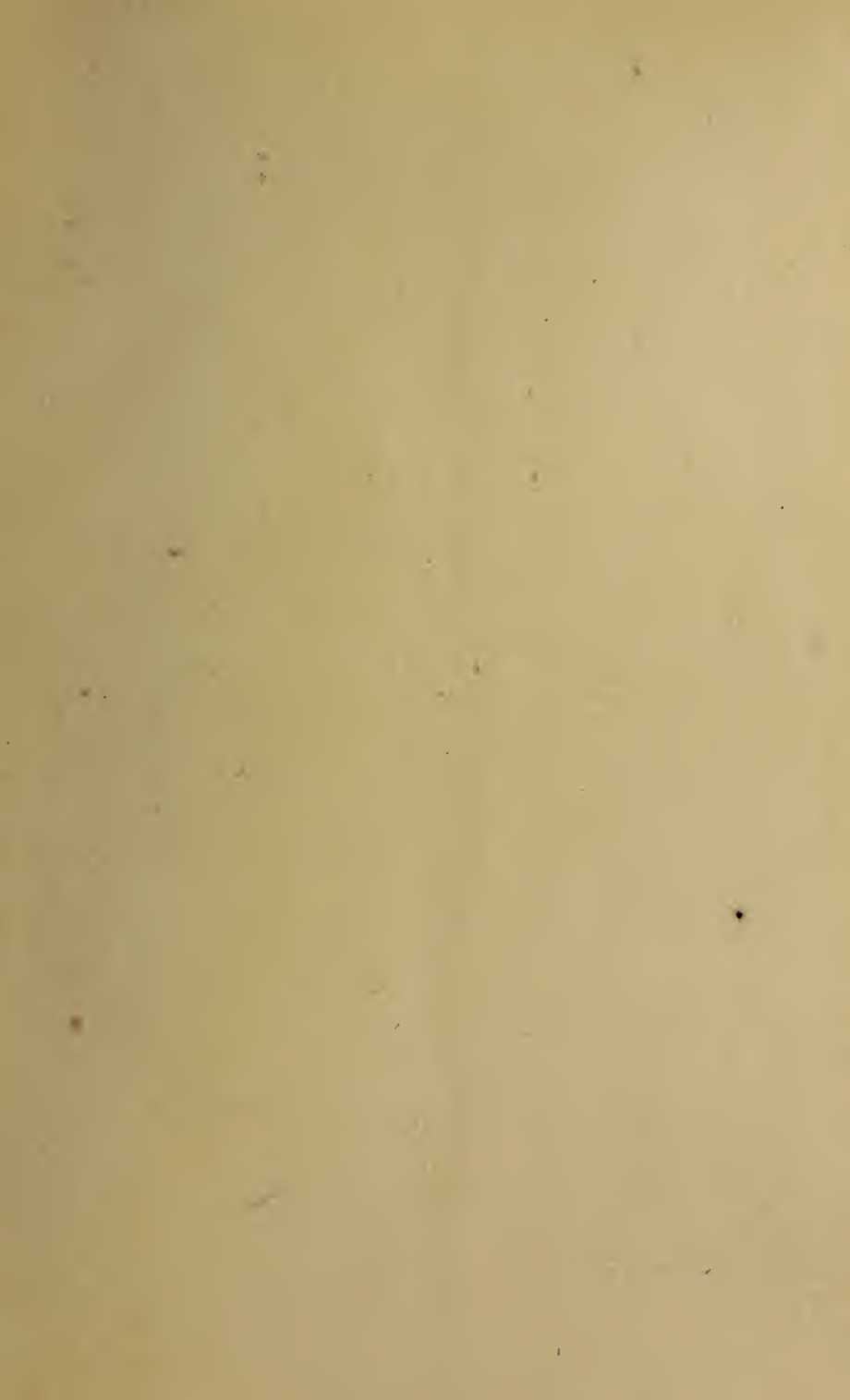
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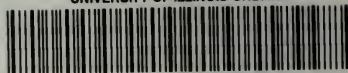


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